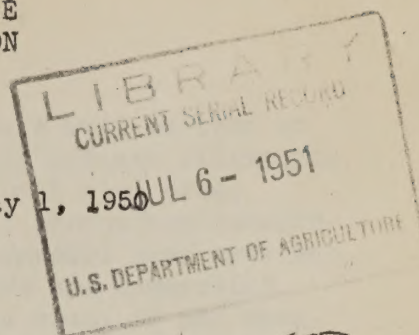


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May 1, 1950

MIDWEST INFORMATION SUMMARY

TO: PMA Offices, Midwest Area

From: John C. Baker, Chief, Information Branch, Chicago, Illinois

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GRAIN BRANCH

CCC grain purchases week of April 17-21 consisted of 134,000 bushels of rye, bought through Chicago office. Total grain purchases since July 1, 1949, 64,826,765 bushels grain or grain equivalent. (Release of April 24.)

Sales of wheat by U. S. under International Wheat Agreement during week of April 12-18 amounted to 2,518,000 bushels of wheat, of which approximately 10 per cent was in form of flour. Principal buyers were Belgium, Peru, Netherlands, Portugal, and Norway. Sales reported April 20.

Costa Rica became eligible to participate in wheat agreement on April 17.

Export payments on 1950 wheat will not be made for grain or flour to be shipped from California ports. Announcement dated April 19.

Regulations of Federal Seed Act were amended on April 25, to become effective July 1. Seed testing methods will be modified to meet recommendations of Association of Official Seed Analysts; germination standards are adjusted; disclaimers and non-warranties may not contradict labeling information; only recognized variety names may be used in advertising, and names or terms that mislead as to quality or history of the seed are prohibited.

Commodities stored under CCC loans maturing on April 30 will be purchased on May 1 at the higher of two prices: either loan value plus interest and charges, or market value at close of markets on May 1. CCC made this announcement on April 25. Announcement applies to small grains, peas, beans, and lespedeza seed. Same conditions apply to soybeans, on which loans mature May 31, and corn, with loans maturing July 31.

Corn seems to be in much stronger price position this year, even though total supply at the outset of the season was a record 4.2 billion bushels. More than half of this quantity disappeared in the first six months of the season, and nearly half of the remainder is in CCC loan and owned stocks.

(\*) Price support availability has another month to run; by the end of May more than half the total supply of corn likely will be in loan and owned stocks. Total carryover next October will be about 925 million bushels, after a year of near-record disappearance here at home, and of large exports. Total supply for 1950-51 is expected to be substantially smaller than for 1949-50, but large enough to continue the production of livestock products at high post-war levels, and also to continue large exports.

(\*) Statements not to be used in releases to trade or press.

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## GRAIN BRANCH (Cont'd)

(\*) Before another corn planting season rolls around there will be lots of discussion, and possible action, regarding proposals to apply acreage allotments everywhere instead of limiting them to the so-called commercial corn area. One reason is that nowadays there is considerable commercial production outside the Corn Belt, as contrasted with prewar years when the commercial corn area was practically an entirety. This year the support price outside the commercial corn area is 75 percent of the 90 percent support inside the area; if and when differentiation is eliminated a single, uniform support would apply everywhere.

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## FRUIT AND VEGETABLE BRANCH

Cabbage purchase authorizations expired April 22 in 3 early producing States with a total of 103,500 50-pound sacks purchased. Of this quantity 75,000 were purchased in Georgia, 17,000 in South Carolina, and 11,500 in Louisiana.

R. L. Hawes of the F&V Branch will spend the week of April 30 in Long Island to discuss with the Long Island Potato Committee details of the pending referendum among growers of that locality on a proposed marketing agreement program.

Potato exports under CCC's program as of April 22 included 3,441,646 cwt. under contract, of which 3,316,679 cwt. have been delivered. Additional contracts with Spain bring the total under contract to that country to 2,013,394 cwt., of which 1,890,022 cwt. have been delivered. Deliveries amounting to 339,830 cwt. to Israel exceed contracts by 3,830 cwt.

Hearing was announced on April 21, to be held May 15, at Rochester, New York, to consider marketing order and agreement to cover potatoes produced in upstate New York. If evidence at the hearing warrants initiating a program, the proposed order will be submitted to a referendum vote among potato growers.

Export program for apples has been extended to May 31. Extension was announced on April 25. Program originally was to terminate on April 1; later was extended to May 1; now to May 31. To encourage export of apples to foreign countries, U.S. exporters are paid up to 50 percent of F.A.S. price (maximum of \$1.25 per bushel). Up to April 15, total exports of apples amounted to 2,066,623 bushels, at cost to government of \$2,434,717.28.

## LIVESTOCK BRANCH

Meat production for the week ended April 22, reported on April 25, was 284 million pounds, 2 percent above preceding week and 3 percent above year ago. Cattle and hog slaughter both were 2 percent above preceding week and hog slaughter was 10 percent above a year ago. Sheep and lamb slaughter was slightly below preceding week, but 41 percent above a year earlier.

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## POULTRY BRANCH

Announcement on April 25 permits earlier grading of turkeys which will be sold to CCC after July 1. Previously inspection certificates were not valid if dated more than 30 days before date of purchase. New policy is to accept turkeys inspected as early as May 1, provided turkeys have not been moved after inspection.

Dried whole egg purchases for price support continued heavy this week, although substantially below those of a week ago. The total buy for this week was 3,976,831 pounds, with cancellations at 246,460 pounds -- all for May delivery. These transactions left the total buy for the year so far at 33,086,618 pounds.

Export sales of dried eggs amounting to 32,032 pounds were made this week at 40 cents a pound f.a.s. New York. Total sales under the export program now amount to 2,586,911 pounds.

In addition, the Branch sold 37,538 pounds of frozen dressed price support turkeys at 26-1/2 cents a pound for export. The price was f.o.b. the warehouse. This sale made a total of 113,002-1/2 pounds sold under the export program.

## FATS AND OILS BRANCH

Operations -- Pursuant to the decentralization of negotiations regarding processing of flaxseed and purchasing of resultant oil by CCC, the Fats and Oils Branch has prepared and forwarded to PMA Commodity Offices announcements under which negotiations will be made. The Branch will also forward detailed instructions as to the operations of the program.

A representative of the Procurement-Import Division, Fats and Oils Branch will visit each of the Field Offices to explain in detail the operation of the program.

The Procurement-Import Division of the Fats and Oils Branch has procured to date approximately 10,000,000 pounds of inedible tallow for shipment to the Army at Japan.

### 1949 Crop Peanut Price Support Program Purchases and Sales

As of April 15, 1950, CCC had made the following purchases and sales of peanuts under the 1949 crop price support program:

	<u>Purchases</u>	<u>Sales for Crushing</u>	<u>Sales for Edible Uses</u>	<u>Sales for Export</u>
Farmers' stock peanuts (tons)	37,251	19,420	13,824	-
No. 2 shelled peanuts (lbs.)	408,645,924	335,792,003	-	72,853,921

HOWARD HALL



# DAIRY BRANCH

## Price-Support Purchases and Sales, Week Ending April 22: (Figures in Pounds)

<u>Product</u>	<u>Purchases April 17-22</u>	<u>Total 1950 Purchases</u>	<u>1949-50 Purchases Unsold as of April 22</u>
Butter A	4,436,930	20,056,225	(
Butter B	691,365	980,964	( 107,200,000
Butter C	none	none	(
	<u>5,128,295</u>	<u>21,037,189</u>	
Cheese	2,911,264	5,845,568	24,400,000
Spray milk solids	7,560,520	85,025,905	(
Roller milk			( 221,600,000
solids	3,415,400	38,401,468	(
	<u>10,975,920</u>	<u>123,427,373</u>	
<u>Product</u>	<u>Sales to Trade</u>	<u>1950 Sales to Domestic Trade</u>	
Butter A	-	173,465	
Butter B	-	5,669,200	
Butter C	-	632,064	
		<u>6,474,729</u>	
Cheese A	35,130	5,717,460	
Cheese B	5,027	920,115	
Cheese C	-	332,868	
	<u>40,157</u>	<u>6,970,443</u>	

Amounts arranged for donation as of latest date under Sec. 416:

Non-fat dry milk solids 22,300,000 lbs.

## FOOD DISTRIBUTION PROGRAMS BRANCH

School Lunch - More than 150 grownups at Berryville, Wisconsin, were served a typical school lunch. Event received notice in local paper.

Mrs. Alma Miller, school lunch supervisor at Rockport, Indiana, rises to defense of dried eggs: "There is no end to the uses, cakes of all kinds, pumpkin pie, salad dressing, meat loaf, salmon loaf, macaroni with egg sauce, cornbread, yeast rolls, pudding, and just plain old scrambled eggs."

Food Preservation -- In Michigan, state vocational agriculture personnel attended a three-day training conference on canning and storage, conducted by Hal Bolin of the Chicago area office, second week of April.

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TABLE 1

Estimated expenditures for the fiscal year 1964-65, by type of expenditure

Expenditure	April 1964	Estimated 1964-65	Total 1964-65
Salaries	1,182,398	1,182,398	2,364,796
Salaries A	4,458,930	4,458,930	8,917,860
Salaries B	221,222	221,222	442,444
Salaries C	1,182,398	1,182,398	2,364,796
Salaries D	2,411,264	2,411,264	4,822,528
Salaries E	1,182,398	1,182,398	2,364,796
Salaries F	2,411,264	2,411,264	4,822,528
Salaries G	1,182,398	1,182,398	2,364,796
Salaries H	2,411,264	2,411,264	4,822,528
Salaries I	1,182,398	1,182,398	2,364,796
Salaries J	2,411,264	2,411,264	4,822,528
Salaries K	1,182,398	1,182,398	2,364,796
Salaries L	2,411,264	2,411,264	4,822,528
Salaries M	1,182,398	1,182,398	2,364,796
Salaries N	2,411,264	2,411,264	4,822,528
Salaries O	1,182,398	1,182,398	2,364,796
Salaries P	2,411,264	2,411,264	4,822,528
Salaries Q	1,182,398	1,182,398	2,364,796
Salaries R	2,411,264	2,411,264	4,822,528
Salaries S	1,182,398	1,182,398	2,364,796
Salaries T	2,411,264	2,411,264	4,822,528
Salaries U	1,182,398	1,182,398	2,364,796
Salaries V	2,411,264	2,411,264	4,822,528
Salaries W	1,182,398	1,182,398	2,364,796
Salaries X	2,411,264	2,411,264	4,822,528
Salaries Y	1,182,398	1,182,398	2,364,796
Salaries Z	2,411,264	2,411,264	4,822,528

Amounts expended for salaries for the fiscal year 1964-65

Estimated expenditures for the fiscal year 1964-65, by type of expenditure

TABLE 2

Estimated expenditures for the fiscal year 1964-65, by type of expenditure

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FOOD DISTRIBUTION PROGRAMS BRANCH (Cont'd)

Food Trades -- Dry beans are receiving campaign treatment over the nation, with particular emphasis during the current week. Many food page editors on metropolitan newspapers have given prominence to bean dishes and recipes.

Turkeys were promoted by a campaign among food distributors and restaurant and hotel operators in Chicago, St. Louis, Minneapolis, and St. Paul, with emphasis on the past week-end. Many chain stores featured turkeys in their advertising and merchandising.

Direct Distribution -- Since April 7, when 1949 crop potatoes were available for donation on a transportation-paid basis under Section 3 of Public Law 471, State distributing agencies, as of April 19, have placed orders for approximately 39,500,000 pounds for distribution to all eligible outlets. This quantity is in addition to approximately 69,000,000 previously ordered under the provisions of Section 416 of the Agricultural Act of 1949.

On April 14, butter and cheese were declared available under Section 416. As of April 27, State distribution agencies in 8 states have placed orders for a total of approximately 1,950,000 pounds of butter and 10 states have ordered over 900,000 pounds of cheese.

OFFICE OF COMPLIANCE AND INVESTIGATION

A civil complaint was filed in the United States District Court for the District of Minnesota against Ed Schmiesing, Georgetown, Minn., seeking to recover judgment against the defendant for \$802.31 with interest and costs of the action, representing the amount due CCC on a 1948 flaxseed loan.





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MIDWEST INFORMATION SUMMARY

To: PMA Offices, Midwest Area

From: Vincent P. Freymann, Acting Chief, Information Branch,  
Midwest Area

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GRAIN BRANCH

May 4 soybean stocks report came as a surprise to many who had expected big decrease in view of price behavior in recent weeks. Report showed April 1 stocks 120 million bushels, compared with 115 million same date last year. About 15 million bushels were under price support this season, but CCC doesn't expect to get any since market prices are substantially above support levels. April 1 farm stocks were 8 million bushels smaller this year than last, but stocks at terminals and processing plants were larger. Consideration is that while farm stocks are smaller, a larger quantity this year than last will be used for seeding the new crop.

(\*) Branch officials in the field report further damage to winter wheat in Texas and Oklahoma since April crop report, but biggest deterioration in Kansas. Unless poor crop in Southwest is offset by improvement elsewhere, and spring wheat is out-size, total wheat supply for 1950-51 is likely to be below marketing quota requirements on 1951 production. Now looks as though July 1, 1950 carryover will be about 450 million bushels.

No figures available as yet on CCC take-over of 1949 crop wheat under price support.

PMA announced on April 27 that farmers had put total of 315,320,557 bushels of 1949 crop under price support, 23 million under purchase agreement, and the rest under loan.

Sales of wheat under the International Wheat Agreement during the week of April 19-25 totaled 1,150,000 bushels of wheat (as grain and flour). Principal buyers were Norway, Israel, and Belgium.

IWA sales during the week of April 26-May 2 totaled 969,000 bushels, principally to United Kingdom, Netherlands, and Belgium.

USDA announced purchase of 17,999,000 pounds of hard wheat blended flour, equivalent of 390,578 bushels of wheat, for export to Greece. (Release May 2)

Stocks of soybeans on hand April 1 totaled 120,000,000 bushels, largest in past eight years. (Release May 4.)

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### POULTRY BRANCH

Dried egg purchases this week topped all previous weeks this year, the buy amounting to 4,436,235 pounds with cancellations at 23,460 pounds. All were for May delivery. The purchases brought the total buy for the year thus far to 37,499,393 pounds. In addition to this quantity, CCC as of May 1 owned 6,240,070 pounds of 1948 powder and 26,951,640 pounds of powder acquired in 1949.

Sales of frozen dressed turkeys for export this week amounted to 28,168 pounds at 27 cents f.o.b. the warehouse. Total sales for export now amount to 141,170 pounds.

There were no export sales of dried eggs this week, the total standing at 2,586,911 pounds.

### LIVESTOCK BRANCH

Stocks of wool acquired under the wool price support programs are now only a shadow of their former size as a result of heavy selling during the last eight or nine months.

Sales have been heavy during April with approximately 10 million pounds moved exclusive of wool sold under an ECA requisition. This left stocks of about 11 million pounds on hand at the end of April and sales to Germany under ECA may take as much as 3 million pounds.

This means that the quantity now available for sale is below eight million pounds, the lowest since the program began in 1943. In contrast, about 90 million pounds were on hand June 30, 1949, and at the high point in September of 1946 there were nearly 500 million pounds in the CCC stockpile. Even as recently as January 1 of this year, stocks of wool amounted to about 44.5 million pounds. This had been reduced to 21 million by the end of March.

The greatest activity in sales during this recent period was in last December and January of this year. The generally tight world supply of wool has prompted this large liquidation of CCC wool stocks. Wool remaining on hand consists almost exclusively of scoured wool.

Wool under the ECA requisition will be moved soon and a German group is now in the U. S. making a selection of CCC owned wool to meet their milling needs. It is understood that this group will take all of the grease wool, shorn and pulled, now on hand and this will amount to about three million pounds.

USDA officials urge wool growers to pack bags firmly to insure more representative samples through use of core sampling technique. (Released May 1.)

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## Price-Support Purchases and Sales, Week Ending April 29: (Figures in Pounds)

<u>Product</u>	<u>Purchases Week Ending April 29</u>	<u>Total 1950 Purchases</u>	<u>1949-50 Purchases Unsold as of April 29</u>
Butter A	4,931,082	24,950,909	(
Butter B	980,137	1,939,980	)111,900,000
Butter C	none	none	(
	<u>5,911,219</u>	<u>26,890,889</u>	
Cheese	1,880,975	7,795,438	26,100,000
Spray milk solids	9,062,155	93,883,560	(
Roller milk solids	5,064,582	43,466,050	) 235,700,000
	<u>14,126,737</u>	<u>137,349,610</u>	

<u>Product</u>	<u>Sales to Trade Week Ended April 29</u>	<u>1950 Sales to Domestic Trade</u>
Butter	none	6,474,728
Cheese	36,420	7,006,862

## MARKETING AND FACILITIES RESEARCH BRANCH

The Branch has in the mail about 18 reports, mostly on RMA projects, which they hope to get in the printer's hands by the end of the fiscal year. Several of the reports will be on produce market studies for cities including Boston, Indianapolis, Louisville, and Raleigh, N.C. Also included are reports on studies of improved methods of handling baled cotton in warehouses, the use of materials - handling equipment in wholesaling fresh fruits and vegetables, a study of poultry and egg marketing in 30 cities studies of egg breakage during rail shipment, watermelon damage in transit, and reports on various other marketing research projects.

## TRANSPORTATION AND WAREHOUSING BRANCH

During the past week the first shipment of dried milk and eggs left New York under the sponsorship of the International Rescue Committee through the provisions of Section 416 of the current Agricultural Act.

With an increased tempo in the purchase of dairy products, it has become necessary to expand on the storage program by shipping dried milk from the Minneapolis area to other areas. This movement is made to avoid concentration in one area in excess of suitable facilities and to provide for an orderly out-loading as required for programs.

## SUGAR BRANCH

PMA has scheduled a meeting of U.S. sugar industry advisory group, in Washington, May 26-27, to consider proposals for a new International Sugar Agreement, preparatory to a meeting of the International Sugar Council, in London, June 19. London meeting will consider whether new international agreement should be drawn up, to replace one formulated in 1937 which was discontinued during World War II. (Released May 1.)

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CCC announced on May 1, lists of commodities available for export and domestic sale, with prices at which each would be sold. Prices to hold during month of May. Exports under this program from January through April 2 totaled \$3,327,068.

As of March 31, CCC had total investment of \$4,020,909,000 in inventories and loans for price support. Net loss from July 1, 1949, was \$130,803,000. Net loss on price support program during preceding fiscal year was \$254,000,000. (Released April 28)

USDA announced on April 28 that it had delivered 1,911 million pounds of food and farm products during month of January. (December deliveries totaled 2,590 million pounds.) Grain and its products made up 1,367 million pounds, Irish potatoes, 254 million pounds, and 778 million pounds were under ECA program. (Release May 3)

CCC announced May 4 that it has awarded contract for 229 ventilating duct systems, for use in grain storage, to Great Lakes Steel Corporation.

FRUIT AND VEGETABLE BRANCH

Purchase of 1949 crop potatoes through May 2 totaled 37,875,476 hundredweight. Of this amount 2,884,064 hundredweight went to direct distribution; 663,142 to flour; 5,321,049 to starch; 104,776 to glucose; 40,820 to dehydration; 459,649 to alcohol; 21,173,599 to livestock feed; 3,394,979 to export; and 3,833,408 hundredweight were dumped.

Reports through May 2 show a total of 148,856 hundredweight of 1950 crop potatoes purchased, with all being disposed of through Section 416, to livestock feed, or to penal institutions. None have been purchased in the last three weeks.

Declarations received through April 29 on the apple export program totaled 2,149,571 bushels at a cost of \$2,538,404.

Declaration under the fresh and processed orange export program through April 29 indicate exports totaling 527,655 boxes of fresh oranges, 36,639 gallons of concentrated orange juice, and 41,133 cases of single strength orange juice at a cost of \$949,396.





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GRAIN BRANCH

(Officials now expect that quantity of 1949-crop corn under price support will not run as high as earlier expectations, nor as much as the more than 555 million bushels of 1948-crop corn put under support through June 1949. This year, support is available only through May. October carryover now estimated at 975 million bushels, compared with last year's 825 million.)

(Oats and barley carryovers will be smaller this July than last, but grain sorghums and wheat will be larger. Wheat carryover will be about 450 million bushels, compared with last year's 307 million. Increase in wheat carryover is result largely of sharp drop in exports, which may total little more than 300 million bushels for the year, as compared with last year's 500 million.)

(Rice take-over won't be as big as previously estimated 5-6 million cwt., may be only 1 million. Seems that mills under-estimated requirements for rice, and eased the take-over prospects for CCC.)

The program of loans to farmers for building farm storage has been extended another year, to June 30, 1951. Large carry-over of grains is the reason for extending the loan period. Loans are made up to 85 percent of the cost of the structure; loans bear interest at rate of 4 percent, and are payable in five annual installments.

CCC grain purchases May 1-5 consisted of wheat flour, equivalent to 390,578 bushels of grain. Total purchases of all grain since July 1, 1949, amount to 68,745,412 bushels.

Purchase of 10,000,000 pounds of hard wheat flour, equivalent to 233,000 bushels, for shipment to Trieste, has been announced by PMA. Mills offered more than 131 million pounds of flour. (Release of May 10)

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## POULTRY BRANCH

PMA has approved supplemental requirements to its grading standards, which specify that poultry and rabbits being prepared as ready-to-cook must be examined during preparation, and any carcasses not fit for food must be condemned. Requirements become effective June 12. (Release of May 10.)

Dried egg purchases for price support last week topped all previous weekly records this year with a total of 4,558,505 pounds, cancellations amounting to only 69,042 pounds. The powder is for May and June delivery.

The total buy for the year to date now stands at 41,988,856 pounds.

Sale of dried eggs for export amounted to 20,125 pounds, with total sales now amounting to 2,607,036 pounds. (This program is being amended to permit the purchase of dried whole eggs by dealers in this country who sell the powder to individuals for shipment in food parcels to individuals in foreign countries. The powder will be made available to such dealers in not less than carload lots.)

The Poultry Branch has issued a preliminary report on the regional study of marketing and transporting hatching eggs and baby chicks in the Northeast. Preliminary reports are also being issued by cooperating State Agricultural Experiment Stations.

The Branch's preliminary report deals mainly with railway express rates and truck transportation charges for shipping hatching eggs from New England sources to the Del-Mar-Va peninsula, causes of claims for losses in the shipping of hatching eggs and baby chicks from Maine, New Hampshire and Massachusetts to Del-Mar-Va, the effect of trucking on the hatchability and breakage of eggs, and premiums paid by broker-truckers for hatching eggs.

## FATS AND OILS BRANCH

PMA announces development of a new, simple refractometer for determining quality of flaxseed and soybean oils, as measured by "iodine number." New device costs only about one-tenth as much as refractometers now in use. Developed by PMA and Bausch and Lomb Optical Company.

## Flaxseed Program Decentralization

In connection with the decentralization of the sale of flaxseed and the purchase of linseed oil, Walter W. Sikes, Procurement-Import Division, visited the New York, Chicago, and Minneapolis PMA Commodity Offices to assist them in putting this program into operation. The New York office has sold 2,141,000 bushels of flaxseed pursuant to this program.





PRICE SUPPORT AND FOREIGN SUPPLY BRANCH

Legislative authority for the "barter" program is in Public Law 85, 81st Congress, which authorizes the CCC, upon terms and conditions prescribed or approved by the Secretary of Agriculture, to accept strategic and critical materials produced abroad in exchange for agricultural commodities acquired by the Corporation. This legislation also specified that (1) normal commercial channels be used insofar as practicable; (2) priority shall be given to commodities easily storable and those which serve as prime incentive goods to stimulate production of strategic and critical materials; (3) materials acquired by CCC shall, to the extent approved by the Munitions Board, be transferred to the National Stockpile; and (4) the CCC shall be reimbursed at "fair market value" (as determined by the Commissioner of the Federal Supply Service) for materials transferred to the Stockpile.

The barter program became active late last Fall and numerous inquiries have been received since that time. Only one exchange has been consummated thus far and that one involved a relatively small quantity of cotton.

The conditions under which exchanges under Public Law 85 would be considered are as follows:

1. The material offered (1) appears on the Munitions Board's current list of strategic and critical materials, (2) was produced abroad, (3) is being actively procured for the national stockpile and (4) is not produced in sufficient quantities in the United States to be subject to "Buy-American" legislation.
2. The resale value to CCC of the strategic and critical material offered is equal to the value of the agricultural commodity acceptable in exchange at the price at which CCC would sell the commodity for export for cash.
3. Specifications of the materials offered conform to specifications issued by (and available from) the Strategic and Critical Materials Branch, Federal Supply Service, General Services Administration, Washington 25, D.C.
4. The agricultural commodities desired by the offerer are those acquired by the Commodity Credit Corporation in connection with its price-support operations (or Mexican canned meat).
5. The agricultural commodities received from CCC in an exchange shall be exported.
6. Normal trade channels shall be utilized insofar as practicable. Exchanges are on a unit-for-unit basis, i.e. so many pounds of cotton, bushels of wheat, etc. per pound, ton or other unit of the strategic and critical material delivered to CCC. In such barter, prices of either the material or the commodity would be meaningful only in relation to each other.





# DAIRY BRANCH

Arrangements have been made to donate 5,093,236 pounds of government-owned butter, 2,617,970 pounds of cheese, and 22,996,105 pounds of nonfat dry milk solids to eligible outlets under the provisions of Section 416 of the Agricultural Act of 1949. These arrangements, completed as of May 10, are made on the basis that agencies receiving the commodities will be required to pay shipping and handling costs from the storage points.

Butter and cheese are offered for donation only in the United States while nonfat dry milk solids are offered for donation both at home and abroad. Of the total donations arranged for nonfat dry milk solids, 4,396,105 pounds are for distribution in the United States while 18,600,000 pounds are destined for foreign outlets.

A public hearing was announced this week to be held June 1 in Toledo to consider proposals for enlarging the Toledo milk marketing area. Also announced this week was a decision containing amendments to the Ft. Wayne, Ind., Federal milk marketing order. These amendments will (1) reduce the size of the Ft. Wayne milk marketing area to coincide with the city limits, (2) reclassify aerated milk products from Class II milk to Class III, and (3) define as "producers" only those dairy farmers who produce milk inspected by the Ft. Wayne Board of Health.

## Price-Support Purchases and Sales, Week Ended May 6:

(Figures in Pounds)

<u>Product</u>	<u>Purchases</u> <u>Week Ended May 6</u>	<u>Total 1950</u> <u>Purchases</u>	<u>1949-50 Purchases</u> <u>Unsold as of May 6</u>
Butter A	4,525,272	29,457,210	(
Butter B	1,314,041	3,254,021	(116,800,000
Butter C	none	none	
	<u>5,839,313</u>	<u>32,711,231</u>	
Cheese	3,027,699	10,823,136	28,000,000
Spray milk solids	7,089,726	100,973,286	(
Roller milk solids	3,975,801	47,441,851	( 246,700,000
	<u>11,065,527</u>	<u>148,415,137</u>	
<u>Product</u>	<u>Sales to Trade</u>	<u>1950 Sales to Domestic Trade</u>	
Butter	none	6,474,728	
Cheese	112,526	7,173,954	





### LIVESTOCK BRANCH

"United States Wool and its Relation to the World Situation" is a new report issued by OFAR. In brief, it points out that wool consumption in U. S., is increasing, but domestic production is decreasing, so manufacturers will have less protection from ups and downs of world prices and supplies. (Released May 4).

Meat production under Federal inspection during week ended May 6 was 300 million pounds. Hog slaughter was down 8 percent from preceding week, while slaughter of other animals was about steady. (Release May 9)

USDA announces that it will offer meat inspection service to packers who sell their product entirely within a state. Regulations will be issued June 2, and the service will be available after that date, upon application. (Release of May 10)

FMA invites offers of lard for shipment to Germany, to be submitted May 15-17. "Substantial quantities" are involved. Under last offer to purchase, FMA bought 1,321,600 pounds of lard for shipment to Okinawa. (Release of May 11.)

### FOOD DISTRIBUTION PROGRAMS BRANCH

#### Direct Distribution:

As of May 10 State distributing agencies, under Section 416, have ordered 5,093,236 pounds of butter, 2,617,970 pounds of cheese, 1,817,188 pounds of dried eggs, 4,396,105 pounds of nonfat dry milk solids, and under both Section 416 and Section 3, Public Law 471, almost 2 million bushels of potatoes. Distribution is being made to all eligible categories, including nonprofit school lunch programs, charitable institutions, welfare families and needy Indians.

#### Food Trades:

Producers, shippers and civic organizations joined hands with major segments of the food trade, press, and radio in a recent merchandising campaign to increase the sale and consumption of sweetpotatoes in the Southwest. This marketing endeavor was initiated under the Plentiful Foods Program of the Food Distribution Programs Branch. Its success is noted in a letter from a Chamber of Commerce to the FDPB area office at Dallas. "The program was so successful that a survey made of all of our sweetpotato shippers on  
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April 8 revealed that there were less than 15 carloads of the 1949 crop left to be moved and future delivery orders will clean these up within the next few days. The results of your efforts were astounding and appreciated by this organization and the sweetpotato growers of Camp County. Please accept our thanks."

#### FRUIT AND VEGETABLE BRANCH

PMA named South Dakota State Potato Committee to administer marketing agreement and order regulating handling of potatoes in eastern South Dakota. (Release of May 8.)

(A proposed revision of the United States standards for grades of extracted honey is in clearance channels and should be published soon in the Federal Register as a notice of proposed rule making.)

Purchase of 1949 crop Irish potatoes through May 9 totaled 39,599,191 hundredweight. Of this amount 2,979,726 hundredweight went to direct distribution; 663,142 to flour; 5,601,348 to starch; 104,766 to glucose; 43,241 to dehydration; 459,649 to alcohol; 22,202,246 to livestock feed; 3,402,399 to export; and 4,142,674 hundredweight have been dumped.

Purchase of 1950 crop Irish potatoes through May 9 totaled 151,599 hundredweight. Of this amount 108,562 hundredweight went to livestock feed; 4,488 to penal institutions; and 38,509 to Section 416.

Status of potato export program: 4,454,483 hundredweight under contract; 3,452,488 hundredweight delivered.

Status of deciduous and citrus export subsidy programs through May 6: Apples, 2,162,886 bushels, \$2,555,047; Fresh oranges, 693,289 boxes, \$1,127,924; Canned single strength orange juice, 44,508 cases No. 2's, \$45,277; Concentrated orange juice, 37,419 gallons, \$54,164.

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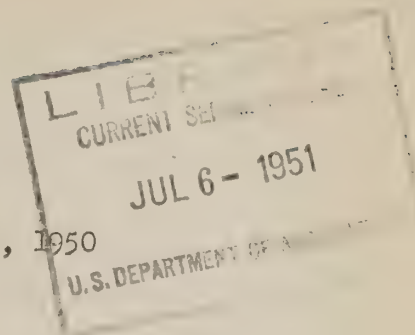
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MIDWEST INFORMATION SUMMARY

To: PMA Offices, Midwest Area

From: John C. Baker, Chief, Information Branch, Midwest Area

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GRAIN BRANCH

(\*) Exports of six grains (wheat, rye, oats, barley, grain sorghums, and corn) are now expected to total 505 million bushels during twelve months ending June 1950, compared with 683 million in like period of 1948-49. Most of decrease is wheat, since wheat exports during period may total only 310 million bushels against 500 million a year earlier. Decline in wheat exports is principal reason that July 1 wheat carryover is now expected to total 448 million bushels, against 307 million last July 1. Increase in carryover will offset much of the decline reported to date in the 1950 crop.

(\*) Among the feed grains, carryover of oats will be smaller this July 1 than last (only 229 million bushels compared with 295 million last year), carryover of barley will be smaller (79 million against 101 million), but carryover of grain sorghums will be larger (75 million against 31 million), and of corn next October 1 about 977 million bushels against 825 million last October 1. Reduction in new crop corn is likely to be substantially greater than the increase in carryover.

Sales of wheat under International Wheat Agreement, week of May 10 -16, totaled 1,875,000 bushels of wheat, as grain or flour. Principal buyers were Greece, United Kingdom, Norway, Belgium. Total sales since August 1, 1949, 108,786,000 bushels. Many countries have bought their quotas for 1949-50. Purchases under quotas for 1950-51 began May 17. Purchases under 1949-50 quotas have been extended after June 30 for countries who have not bought up to their quotas.  
(Release May 18)

COMPLIANCE AND INVESTIGATION BRANCH

Michigan potato handler, Harvey Algenstedt, of Rogers City, was fined \$50 in Federal court, Bay City, Michigan, on May 4, upon pleading guilty to charge of violating Federal Market Order No. 60. Algenstedt admitted shipping potatoes without Federal-State inspection as required by marketing order.

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DAIRY BRANCH

Four actions were announced last week in regard to Federal order activities in fluid milk markets:

- (1) A public hearing will be held in Kansas City, May 22 to consider proposed amendments to the Federal order for that market.
- (2) The Department recommended that surplus milk in the New York milk marketing area continue to be classified in a single class, Class III, and that no significant change be made in the minimum farm price for such milk.
- (3) A public hearing to consider a proposal for establishing a Federal order to regulate the handling of milk in the Detroit, Michigan, milk marketing area will be held June 5 in Highland Park, Michigan.
- (4) A public hearing will be held in Fort Wayne, Indiana, June 1, to consider proposals for (1) establishing a different method of pooling milk and (2) increasing the size of the marketing area.

Price Support Purchases and Sales, Week Ended May 12:  
(Figures in Pounds)

<u>Product</u>	<u>Purchases</u> <u>Week End. May 12</u>	<u>Total 1950</u> <u>Purchases</u>	<u>1949-50 Purchases</u> <u>Unsold as of May 12</u>
Butter A	4,380,852	33,552,175	(
Butter B	1,169,051	4,264,965	( 120,600,000
Butter C	none	none	(
	<u>5,549,903</u>	<u>37,817,140</u>	
Cheese	3,659,713	14,482,849	30,900,000

<u>Product</u>	<u>Purchases</u> <u>Week End. May 12</u>	<u>Total 1950</u> <u>Purchases</u>	<u>1949-50 Purchases</u> <u>Unsold as of May 12</u>
Spray milk solids	8,090,835	109,064,121	(
Roller milk solids	<u>4,126,280</u>	<u>51,568,331</u>	( 258,600,000
	<u>12,217,115</u>	<u>160,632,452</u>	

<u>Product</u>	<u>Sales to Trade</u> <u>Week Ended May 12</u>	<u>1950 Sales to</u> <u>Domestic Trade</u>
Butter	none	6,474,728
Cheese	36,768	7,210,722



## FRUIT AND VEGETABLE BRANCH

Purchase of 1949 crop Irish potatoes through May 16 totaled 40,877,641 hundredweight. Of this amount 3,021,444 hundredweight went to direct distribution; 663,142 to flour; 5,840,957 to starch; 104,766 to glucose; 45,761 to dehydration; 459,649 to alcohol; 22,914,893 to livestock; 3,869,779 to export; and 3,957,250 hundredweight were dumped.

Purchase of 1950 crop Irish potatoes through May 16 totaled 159,112 hundredweight. Of this amount 112,197 hundredweight went to livestock feed; 4,488 to penal institutions; and 42,427 to Section 416.

Export subsidy programs, for the week ending May 13, stood at: Apples, 2,194,461 bushels, \$2,594,461; Fresh oranges, 916,585 boxes, \$1,495,563; Canned single strength orange juice, 45,303 cases No. 2's, \$46,112; Concentrated orange juice, 39,129 gallons, \$56,644.

More than 17,000 retailers have completed one-day training course in merchandising fresh fruits and vegetables. Courses have been given in all parts of United States since November, 1947, by United Fresh Fruit and Vegetable Association, under contract to USDA. Project is authorized by Research and Marketing Act. Recent training courses have been held in Wichita, Kansas; Columbus, Ohio; one scheduled for Burlington, Iowa, June 4. (Release May 19)

RMA studies in prepackaging of fruits and vegetables at the farm reveal importance of refrigeration at all points, to maintain quality. (Release May 18)

## POULTRY BRANCH

Purchases of dried whole eggs for price support this week continued at the same generally high level of recent weeks with a total of 4,549,927 pounds for May and June delivery. There were no cancellations, with the result that net purchases of dried eggs so far in 1950 now stand at 46,538,783 pounds. There were no sales of dried eggs for export with total sales under the export program still standing at 2,607,036 pounds.

Along with the announcement on May 18 of extension of dried egg purchasing in the Midwest for the months of July and August, the Branch notified egg driers that it will waive the 30-day limitation on the holding period for any backlog of eggs on hand at present for drying at a date beyond the present 30-day limit, for those driers who have purchased sufficient eggs to operate their dryers at capacity for the current period.

The effect of the waiver will be to give driers who qualify an assured outlet for the eggs they purchase or become committed to purchase in excess of their May and June drying capacity. This action is intended to stimulate the purchase of eggs by driers at the present time.

Paying prices for shell eggs under the extended program will remain at 25 cents a dozen from producers and at 27 cents a dozen for eggs delivered to the plant.





## FOOD DISTRIBUTION PROGRAMS BRANCH

### Plentiful Foods

Plentiful foods for June stress dairy products and broilers and fryers. Other plentifuls include new potatoes, tomatoes, onions, spinach, canned corn, canned lima beans, hens, eggs, peanut butter, honey, raisins, and prunes. FDPB campaign efforts will be on dairy products, with Food Trade Division representatives meeting with state dairy interests in Illinois, Wisconsin, Iowa, and Minnesota during the latter part of May.

Special campaign to promote sale of turkeys in week ending April 29 in selected Midwest cities produced outstanding increases. Illinois Chain Store Council reports four food chains operating had results, comparing 1950 sales with comparable week in 1949, as follows: Chain A, increase of 666%; Chain B, increase of 4647%; Chain C, increase of 6911%; Chain D, increase of 22,235%.

### Food Trades

Television broadcasts are giving an extra boost to the sale of foods in plentiful supply, as indicated in the results of a recent home-making show televised from station KSD-TV in St. Louis. The show was entirely devoted to plentiful foods, and these were some of the accomplishments: (a) one store sold one-fourth ton more cottage cheese than ever before; (b) a company selling potatoes cut for french fries could not keep <sup>up</sup> with the demand; (c) a meat account sold 550 hams in two days in one location where the ham baked in the TV show was put on display.

## FATS AND OILS BRANCH

### Current Purchase and Sale Activity:

#### Soybean Oil

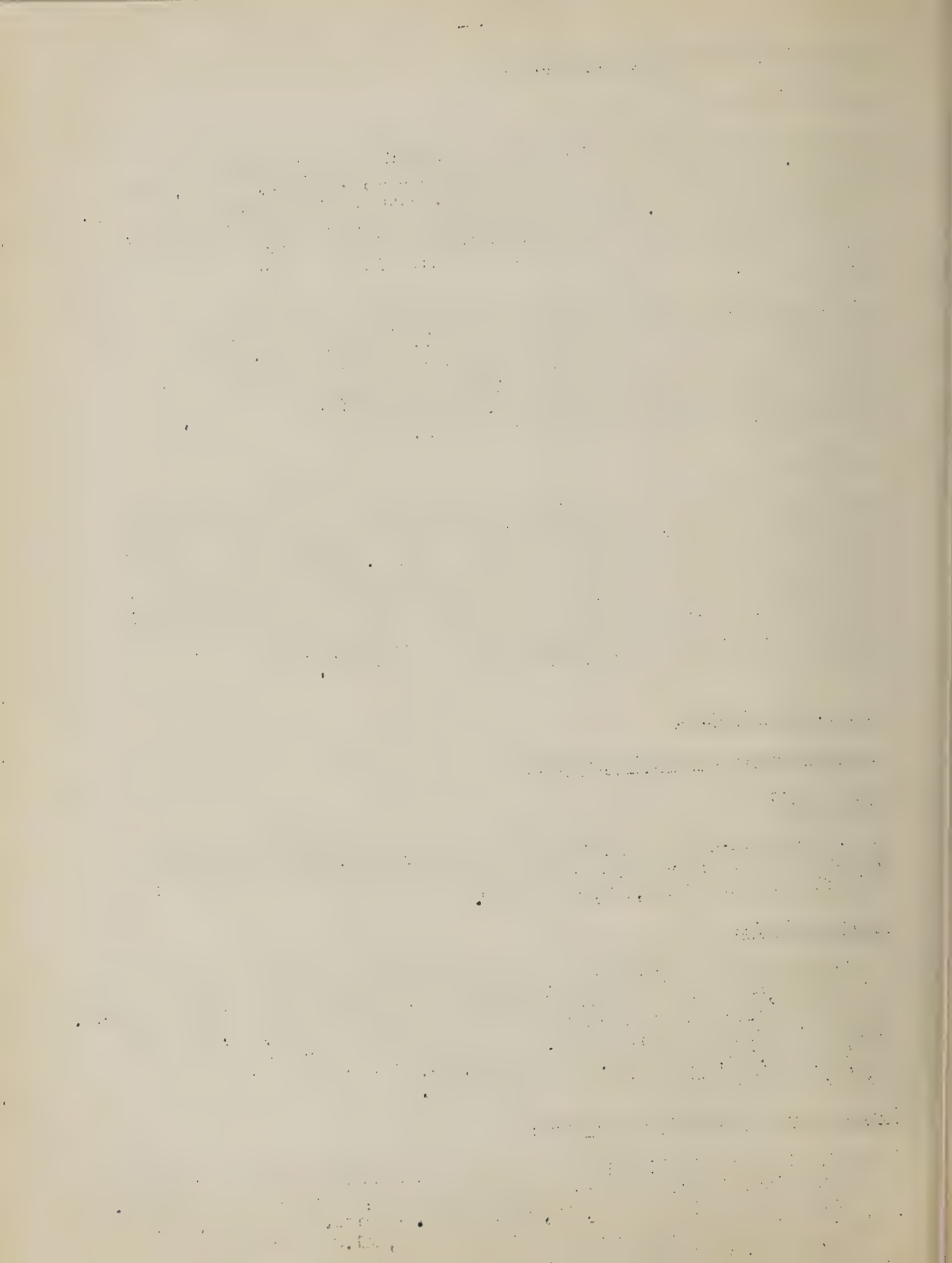
The Procurement-Import Division has procured 10,980,000 pounds of crude soybean oil for export ECA-Germany which makes a total procurement for this fiscal year of 150,397,000 pounds.

#### Cottonseed Oil:

The Dallas F.M. Commodity Office sold 340,000 pounds of crude cottonseed oil and 240,000 pounds of refined cottonseed oil during the week of May 15-19. The San Francisco Office sold 360,000 pounds of crude and 1,440,000 pounds of refined cottonseed oil. To date sales of CCC-owned cottonseed oil total 98,223,225 pounds, of which 66,719,591 pounds are crude and 11,503,634 pounds are refined cottonseed oil.

#### Flaxseed and Resultant Oil Program:

Following the decentralization of the sales of flaxseed and the purchase of resultant linseed oil, the Chicago office sold 375,000 bushels of flaxseed. The Minneapolis office sold 2,012,000 bushels. Together with the 9,859,113 bushels sold by the Washington office and the 2,141,000 bushels sold by the New York office (reported last week) total disposition of flaxseed to date under this program is 14,387,113 bushels.





## TRANSPORTATION AND WAREHOUSING BRANCH

The settlement of the strike of railroad firemen on May 16 resulted in the cancellation of more than 20 embargoes which had been placed by the carriers. Operations have now returned to normal.

(\*) The Branch has for some time been endeavoring to secure from the carriers an extension of the time limit from 12 to 24 months for the storage in transit of dried eggs. During the past week the B&O and the PRR have recommended the approval of our request. We now expect that the extension will be granted by June 1. This will result in substantial saving in transportation charges for CCC.

Copies of handbooks intended as a guide for warehousemen operating under the Uniform Grain Storage Agreement have been received from several PMA Commodity Offices for necessary review by personnel of the Transportation and Warehousing Branch, Fiscal Branch, Grain Branch, and the Office of Assistant Administrator for Commodity Operations. After the review is completed and necessary deletions, additions and/or corrections are made, the respective PMA Commodity office will prepare and distribute the handbook.

Part VI of the Commodity Loan Handbook is at present being revised and brought up to date. When completed, the corrected Part VI will be distributed to all holders of the Handbook.

Cooler occupancy failed to increase during April, only the second time in history that this has occurred. Freezer occupancy followed the seasonal pattern and decreased 2 per cent during April. (Monthly report on cold storage holdings released May 15)

## LIVESTOCK BRANCH

Prices at which PMA will sell wool, were announced on May 12. Schedule of prices for purchase of wool, under the price support program was announced on April 14. Selling price runs about five cents per pound above purchase price for comparable type and grade. To date of release, no wool had been purchased under 1950 support program.

PMA invites comments on proposed changes in grades of beef. Under proposals, present Prime and Choice grades would be combined as Primo; present Good would become Choice; a new grade to be called Good would include beef from high quality young cattle now graded Commercial. (Release May 12)

Meat production under Federal inspection week of May 13 was 280 million pounds, 7 per cent under preceding week, about same as year ago. Slaughter of all types of animals was down from preceding week. (Release May 16)

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COMMODITY CREDIT CORPORATION

Barter deal, involving U. S. cotton to go to Manchuria, in exchange for 60,000 tons of Manchurian soybeans. Beans will be shipped to Japan. (Release May 11)

MARKET NEWS

Federal market news men covering fruit-vegetable and dairy-poultry markets in all parts of the United States will meet in Chicago next week-end, May 27-29. Approximately 75 market news men, and a dozen or more PMA representatives from Washington are expected to attend. Meetings will be held at Congress Hotel and at 623 South Wabash.





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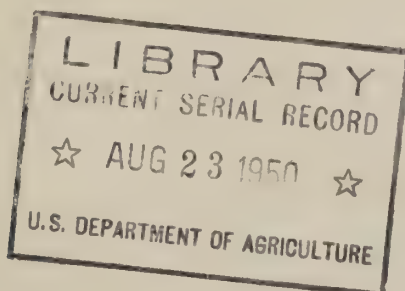
MIDWEST INFORMATION SUMMARY

To: PMA Offices, Midwest Area

From: John C. Baker, Chief, Information Branch, Midwest Area

This issue of the Information Summary inaugurates a definite effort on the part of the Area Information Office to provide more thorough reporting on activities of PMA offices in Chicago. We direct your attention in particular to two new features: the Calendar, and This Week's Spotlight. Each week the Spotlight will describe briefly the functions of a major PMA office in the Midwest.

PMA staff members outside of Chicago are urged to send in reports on such matters as meetings, official travel, periodic progress reports.



*John C. Baker*  
John C. Baker, Chief  
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DAIRY BRANCH

Three changes in the Federal order regulating the handling of milk in the Fort Wayne, Ind., milk marketing area were made in an amendment announced this week. The changes (1) reduce the size of the Fort Wayne milk marketing area to the city limits (2) reclassify aerated products from Class II milk to Class III milk, and (3) revise the definition of "producer" to include only those dairy farmers who produce milk inspected and approved by the Fort Wayne Board of Health.

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DAIRY BRANCH (Continued)

Price Support Purchases and Sales, Week Ended May 19:

(Figures in Pounds)

<u>Product</u>	<u>Purchases Week End. May 19</u>	<u>Total 1950 Purchases</u>	<u>1949-50 Purchases Unsold as of May 19</u>
Butter A	4,480,711	38,066,504	{ 125,100,000
Butter B	968,731	5,199,508	
Butter C	none	none	
	<u>5,449,442</u>	<u>43,266,012</u>	
Cheese	4,212,829	18,685,318	34,900,000
Spray milk solids	8,483,536	117,596,007	{ 271,000,000
Roller milk solids	3,968,493	55,486,824	
	<u>12,452,029</u>	<u>173,082,831</u>	

<u>Product</u>	<u>Sales to Trade Week End. May 19</u>	<u>1950 Sales to Domestic Trade</u>
Butter	none	6,474,728
Cheese	none	7,210,722

(See Fruit and Vegetable Section for report on Market News Meeting)

GRAIN BRANCH

Expect final report next week on 1949 crop grains that were put under price support. Meanwhile, FMA has announced extension of time for re-sealing 1949-farm-stored grain, and extension for another year of loans on 1948-crop resealed oats, barley and corn.

(\*) Redemption of 1949-loan wheat is under way, with expectation that approximately 200-225 million bushels (principally warehouse-stored) will be taken over by CCC. Little farm-stored wheat and not much purchase-agreement wheat will be acquired.)

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### GRAIN BRANCH (Continued)

Early market movement of 1950-crop wheat, and volume of new-crop price support business will be slowed this year by the fact of poor crops in Southwest. In other exporting countries it is reported that Canada cannot hope now to get an average crop of wheat this year; Australia has been dry in spots, and some concern is developing over total crop prospects in that country. Crop reports from European countries are on the bright side, but importing countries may become concerned about their wheat supply from exporting countries. All of this raises prospects for U. S. exports in 1950-51.

PMA offers to extend loans on 1948 corn, oats, and barley for another year, until 1951. (Release May 25.)

### POULTRY BRANCH

The Poultry Branch has prepared a draft of recommended specifications for standard packs and packages for poultry and poultry products which was used in connection with meetings of the Poultry Packaging Sub-Task Group held at Dover, Del., May 24 and 25 and in New York City, May 26. The specifications include definitions of the different poultry packs and a description of various poultry packages classified by kind and type. The Poultry Packaging Sub-Task Group will act on the recommendations and report to the Poultry Industry Advisory Committee.

Dried egg purchases for price support set a record for 1950 so far this week -- the total buy amounting to 4,939,884 pounds, all for June delivery. Cancellations were only 164,138 pounds, leaving net purchases for the year so far at 51,314,629 pounds. Up to the same week last year purchases totaled 43,044,803 pounds, or approximately 20 percent less.

W. D. Termohlen, Director of the Poultry Branch, who is expected to return June 6 from France, is preparing an article "What the U. S. Can Learn from Canada in Poultry and Egg Operations" for the annual Canadian edition of the American Egg and Poultry Review.

(See Fruit and Vegetable section for report on Market News meeting)

### TRANSPORTATION AND WAREHOUSING BRANCH

The flood situation in the Red River Valley in Minnesota and North Dakota has improved and many of the local embargoes placed by the carriers on account of high water and washouts have been cancelled.

Section 416 exports to date total 4 million pounds of dried eggs and 19 million pounds of dried milk.





## FRUIT AND VEGETABLE BRANCH

Recently published in Federal Register under notice of proposed rule making: new U. S. Standards for grades of frozen okra, revised U. S. standards for green corn, and standards for blueberries for processing. A proposed revision of the U. S. standards for grades of canned apple sauce has also been published.

Status of potato export program: 4,494,683 hundredweight contracted for; 4,397,268 hundredweight delivered.

Potato purchases (1949 crop) through May 23 totaled 41,848,331 hundredweight. Of this amount 3,063,112 hundredweight went to direct distribution; 665,032 to flour; 6,028,076 to starch; 104,766 to glucose; 48,281 to dehydration; 459,649 to alcohol; 23,223,482 to livestock feed; 4,265,417 to export; and 3,990,516 hundredweight were dumped.

Purchase of 1950 potatoes through May 23 totaled 169,930 hundredweight. Of this amount, 117,868 hundredweight went to livestock feed; 5,928 hundredweight to penal institutions; and 46,134 hundredweight to Section 416.

Market news reporters covering Fruit and Vegetable and Dairy and Poultry markets in all major markets in the United States met in Chicago, May 27-29 for their first nation-wide meeting. Roy Lennartson, Deputy Assistant Administrator for Marketing; L. C. Holm, Executive Assistant to Director Trigg; Philip E. Nelson, Chief of the Dairy Branch, Hermon I. Miller, Acting Director of the Poultry Branch headed the Washington delegation attending the meeting. Chicago Administrative Services made hotel and meal arrangements for the approximately 100 men attending the conference.

John H. Lienhard, who will be in charge of the Benton Harbor Fruit and Vegetable market news office when it opens the middle of this month, is now assigned to the Chicago office temporarily as a trainee. Temporarily assigned to the Chicago office also is Clay J. Ritter, F&V market newsmen who previously had been detailed to strawberry market reporting in Hammond, Louisiana.

## OFFICE OF COMPLIANCE AND INVESTIGATION

Three Wisconsin farmers were fined and placed on probation for re-selling potatoes purchased from FMA for cattle feed. Nick Dombrowski, Amherst Junction, was fined \$100; and Louis Dolezal and Clarence Shuerger, of Deerbrook, were fined \$200 each; all were placed on probation for one year, in Federal District Court in Milwaukee, on May 22. (Release of May 26.)





## FOOD DISTRIBUTION PROGRAMS BRANCH

### School Lunch

The preliminary reports now being received on the frozen dressed turkey program indicate that the turkeys were a very popular item on school lunch menus. With few exceptions schools reported that the turkeys were young, tender, and in excellent condition when received. The reports revealed that some of the school children had never tasted turkey before and that some of the cooks had had no previous experience in cooking them. Cooks who learned how to prepare and cook turkeys by following the instructions distributed by the Branch stated that they planned to purchase additional birds locally--some had already done so at the time the reports were sent in. Some schools were purchasing heavy turkeys from local producers. Others were purchasing them from frozen food locker plant operators. If these first reports are typical, the sale of large turkeys for school lunch use should be stimulated to a considerable extent through the distribution of this commodity.

### Direct Distribution

As of May 24, State distributing agencies have placed orders under Section 416 for 5,809,241 pounds of butter, 2,960,208 pounds of cheese, 1,879,740 pounds of dried eggs, 4,512,075 pounds of nonfat dry milk solids, 62,378,950 pounds of Irish potatoes; and under Section 3, Public Law 471 orders have been placed for 54,984,500 pounds of Irish potatoes. All commodities ordered were for distribution to all eligible outlets including school lunch programs, charitable institutions and welfare cases.

Area Home Economist Ina Morris, of FDPB, appeared on the American Farmer broadcast over the ABC network Saturday noon. Miss Morris was interviewed while she was in Washington, D.C. a week ago attending a planning conference on school lunch operations. Jeanette Hampton St. Louis, only other FDPB home economist in this area, also in Washington for the conference, this week begins a series of four workshops in Nebraska to help train school lunch personnel. The workshops will be at West Point, Lincoln, North Platte, and Hastings.

Hal B. Bolin, FDPB's food preservation specialist, will be in Glenwood, Iowa, Tuesday and Wednesday, and in Glenwood, Illinois Friday to help set up food preservation projects. The Iowa project is a cannery for the State Department of Public Welfare; that in Illinois is for the Manual Training School for Boys. Both setups will include facilities both for freezing and canning food.

Donations of surplus foods under Section 416, with recipients paying shipping and handling costs, through April 30, totaled 120 million pounds for domestic use and 22 million pounds for foreign relief. Potatoes made up 109 million pounds of domestic consumption. Dried skim milk made up 18 million pounds of foreign shipments. (Release May 19)



## COMMODITY CREDIT CORPORATION

Chicago's Commodity Office is busy these days in addition to its routine operations--with setting up its administrative budget for the coming fiscal year 1950-51.

As the immediate supervising agency for price support programs in Iowa, Illinois, Michigan, Ohio, and Wisconsin, the Office is currently bearing the brunt of the bookwork in connection with heavy liquidation of soybean loans. The five states mentioned above produced about 75 percent of all U.S. soybeans in 1949. Director George Bradley anticipates almost 100 percent liquidation of the 1949 crop soybeans in this area, in view of the very favorable price for this commodity at the present time. Maturity date for these loans is May 31. A considerable liquidation of 1949-crop corn loans is taking place too in localities where there is a heavy demand for corn for livestock feeding operations and, along the Illinois river where barge rates are favorable to the Chicago market. May 31 is the deadline for making loans and purchase agreements on 1949 crop corn.

## LIVESTOCK BRANCH

Production and Marketing Administration officials point with satisfaction to the relatively small amount of government wool stocks remaining from purchases made during seven years of wool price support operations. Furthermore demand has been sufficiently strong to permit disposal of the once huge stocks without depressing the price.

Of the 1,750,000,000 pounds of wool purchased since the program began in 1943....officials estimate that less than 3 million pounds now remain on hand. This present low point in stocks furnishes a bright contrast to September, 1946, stocks of nearly 500 million pounds...highest in the program's history. Even as short a time as a year ago wool owned by the Commodity Credit Corporation amounted to nearly 100 million pounds...now less than 3 million.

Many in the wool trade estimate that as much as 75 percent of this year's clip has either been contracted for or sold in commercial trade channels. Under these conditions, Department officials believe that little, if any, wool will be acquired under this year's program which is available to producers for maintaining prices.



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## OFFICE OF AUDIT

The Midwest area Audit Office is currently making the following routine audits of wool handlers: I. Rosenbaum & Sons, Inc., Louisville, Kentucky (G. W. Burt, auditor); E. W. Biggs and Company, Springfield, Missouri (J. E. Ryan, auditor). Audits of wool handlers for the fiscal year through April 30 have resulted in claims filed against handlers in excess of \$60,000. Joe Scanlon is auditor in charge of the PMA's wool program in the Midwest.

## ON THE CALENDAR

Monday, May 29 -- Chicago - National Meeting Market News Reporters, Fruit & Vegetable, Dairy, and Poultry, Congress Hotel and 623 South Wabash.

Tuesday, May 30 - Holiday. Offices and markets closed.

Wednesday, May 31 - Closing date for corn loans on 1949 crop.  
End of loan period on soybeans.

Thursday, June 1 - Ft. Wayne, Ind. Hearing opens on change of marketing area covered by Ft. Wayne milk marketing order.

Benton Harbor, Michigan. Opening of F&V market news office covering strawberry market. John Lienhard in charge.

Monday, June 5 - Detroit, Mich. Opening of hearing on new milk marketing order for Detroit Milkshed. Place: Highland Park YMCA



## THIS WEEK'S SPOTLIGHT:

### PROCESSED FOODS INSPECTION

Cans, packages, glasses, bottles, and jars of fruit and vegetables moving out of factories to users and distributors in a band of 19 states bridging the central U. S. from north to south are the daily concern of Lawrence T. Ryan, and his staff handling inspection and grading of dried, dehydrated, canned, and frozen foods.

From his offices in the U. S. Customhouse on Canal Street in Chicago, Ryan supervises operations at inspection offices at 10 vital spots: Chicago; Cedar Rapids, Iowa; Ripon, Wisconsin; Detroit; Indianapolis; Columbus, Ohio; Fayetteville, Arkansas; Knoxville, Tennessee; Hammond, Louisiana; and Weslaco, Texas.

At his right hand in Chicago is Lester E. Thornton--the man directly in charge of the work in Illinois.

Spotted at those 10 offices are 50 inspectors, about a fourth of them women. They're a mobile group. They shift from the citrus belt of the South to cherry orchard areas in Michigan with the season. They go to work at invitation of processors, food brokers, buyers--for a fee. They'll work only for someone with a financial interest in the processed food to be inspected and graded.

The only buyer who gets their service regularly is their employer--the U. S. Government. Foods for the Army, the School Lunch Program, or the Navy, for instance, must meet the standards Processed Foods Inspection has established for about 100 different processed foods.

Within the last year, the State of Illinois has decreed all processed foods it buys must meet Federal standards. State buyers estimate the service will save them 3 to 4 million dollars in two years.

Ryan's legion of inspectors doesn't stop its service with fruits and vegetables. It inspects such foodstuffs as baking powder, spices, sirup.

Figuring out how large a proportion of foods processed and sold in the area are inspected by his service is a job for a statistical Titan, Ryan says. But he does know the number of people and firms using the service is growing constantly.



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MIDWEST INFORMATION SUMMARY

To: PMA Offices, Midwest Area

From: Vincent P. Freymann, Acting Chief, Information Branch, Midwest Area

*Vincent P. Freymann*

THIS WEEK'S SPOTLIGHT:

OFFICE OF AUDIT

Reading through Department Historian T. Swann Harding's Origin, Structure, and Functions of the U.S. Department of Agriculture, makes you realize the tremendous scope of the activities related to agriculture which are administered and effectuated by USDA employees. You acquire the conviction, too, that the Production and Marketing Administration plays a major, and a very vital role, in the Department's program for a bigger and a better Agriculture in the U.S.A.

Every segment, branch, division or office of PMA carries its share of the responsibilities incident to the Agency's objective. The programs involve huge expenditures of federal funds, and to PMA's Office of Audit is assigned the task of keeping the records straight, to insure to Congress and the U.S. taxpayer, that these funds have been expeditiously used.

The Office of Audit, Midwest Area, is in charge of R. L. Wright, Assistant Chief Auditor, and R. F. Pauley, his assistant. Wright points with pride to the record of his staff during the war and post-war years when the bulk of the work consisted of External audits of contracts in connection with wartime programs, particularly the subsidy programs. Largest of these were subsidies for oilseeds and products, dried eggs and canned vegetables, each involving hundreds of audits of contractors. Recoveries for the U.S. Treasury in the 11-state Midwest area served by the office, were in excess of \$5,000,000.

Currently, the Office of Audit is responsible for all PMA and CCC audits in the Midwest area. The Internal audits, R. F. Pauley, supervisor, include, with auditor in charge: a) Chicago PMA Commodity Office - R. E. Dovall; b) Minneapolis PMA Commodity Office - T. F. Whitehead; c) Kansas City PMA Commodity Office - J. W. Wise; d) Eleven-State PMA offices, plus PMA County offices - L. E. Lehman; e) Natural Cooler Storage Facility (Atcheson, Kansas); f) PMA Grading and Inspection offices; g) local offices of various other PMA branches and activities (Market News, etc.)

National School Lunch (State Agencies, Direct Commodity Distribution Agencies, and individual school lunch programs) - M. R. Burrows, supervisor.

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THIS WEEK'S SPOTLIGHT - Continued

External audits of handlers, canners, processors, packers, etc.- re price supports and subsidies; Wool Program, J. W. Scanlon, in charge; Peanut associations; Tobacco pools; Sugar Program; Federal-State Cooperation agreement; Lending and Servicing agencies; warehouses; facilities (government-owned plants); Section 32 programs.

Yes - a big and a complex assignment. The audits of the PMA Commodity offices are on a continuous basis. State PMA offices and a percent of the County offices are audited once annually. Other PMA office audits are on a selective basis. Mr. Wright states that while the audit work in the war years and immediately following were to a large extent "External" (outside of PMA), more recently greater emphasis is placed on "Internal" audits, with the objective of improvement in methods, procedures, and internal control within PMA and CCC.

In the first ten months of fiscal 1950, through April, the Midwest office has completed 413 audits, and on the basis of the Internal audits completed, has made more than 400 recommendations for consideration by Administrator Trigg, Branch Director, and local office heads. Most of the recommendations have been adopted.

ON THE CALENDAR

- Monday, June 5-16 - Detroit - Hearings open on milk market order for Detroit.
- Tuesday, June 6-8 - Washington - Meeting of PMA grain market reporters.
- Thursday, June 8-9 - Escanaba, Mich. - Michigan state meeting of county PMA committees.
- Sunday, June 11-15 - Chicago - American Seed Trade Association.
- Monday, June 12-16 - Chicago - National Poultry Improvement Association  
" - National Turkey Federation (joint meeting)
- Tuesday, June 13 - Rockford, Ill. - Hearing on changes in Rockford-Freepport milk order.
- Tuesday, June 13 - Chicago - USDA Club luncheon. Peter Lux, Indiana state PMA committeeman, speaker.
- Wednesday, June 14-16- Chicago - National Livestock and Meat Board.

(Please notify Information Branch, WE. 9-7000, Ext. 185 concerning events of interest to PMA staff members, to be listed in calendar.)



Franklin - 11.11.1911

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I have received your letter of the 10th inst. and am  
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# ADMINISTRATOR'S OFFICE

Secretary Brannan and Administrator Trigg met in Washington on June 1 with 17 representatives of leading food processing and distributing companies and trade associations. The meeting was informal, and was devoted to discussions of marketing and related problems. A similar meeting was held in February, and future meetings are planned.

## COMMODITY CREDIT CORPORATION

CCC investment in loans and inventories, as of April 30, was \$3,958,328,000. Loans made up \$1,947,241,000, with remainder representing inventories of commodities acquired through price support operations. (Release May 31)

CCC announced on June 1 commodities available for sale for export, and another list of commodities for sale domestically, with prices and quantities on each, to be effective during month of June. Cottonseed oil is removed from sales lists, and will be sold as available on a competitive bid basis. Total domestic sales since program was inaugurated in January have amounted to \$15,294,114; export sales \$9,805,097. (Two releases, June 1)

## DAIRY BRANCH

Butter production since the first of the year has dropped off significantly compared to the same period in 1949. Whereas production during the first three months of 1950 was 106 percent of 1949, production during the week ending May 18 was down to 93 percent of a year earlier. Unfavorable pasture conditions during the spring months were one of the chief factors contributing to the decline.

A public hearing, as announced this week, will be held June 13 in Rockford, Ill., to consider a proposal to revise the Rockford-Freeport Federal order so as to keep prices in the market closely in line with those in the nearby Chicago market.

The Fort Wayne milk hearing scheduled for June 1 was postponed indefinitely last week by the Department following a request by a majority of both dairy farmers and handlers in the market.

## Price-Support Purchases and Sales, Week Ended May 26:

(Figures in Pounds)

<u>Product</u>	<u>Purchases</u> <u>Week End. May 26</u>	<u>Total 1950</u> <u>Purchases</u>	<u>1949-50 Purchases</u> <u>Unsold as of May 26</u>
Butter A	4,476,922	42,504,314	(
Butter B	1,777,566	6,969,266	( 130,700,000
Butter C	none	none	(
	<u>6,254,488</u>	<u>49,473,580</u>	
Cheese	4,836,082	23,521,400	39,200,000
Spray milk solids	10,414,735	128,010,742	( 285,300,000
Roller milk solids	4,290,933	59,807,757	(
	<u>14,705,668</u>	<u>187,818,499</u>	

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describes the results of the  
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DAIRY BRANCH (Continued)

<u>Product</u>	<u>Sales to Trade Week End, May 26</u>	<u>1950 Sales to Domestic Trade</u>
Butter	none	6,474,728
Cheese A	117,924	6,047,855
Cheese B	1,897	948,163
Cheese C	none	334,526
	<u>119,821</u>	<u>7,330,544</u>

GRAIN BRANCH

A 3-point advance in the parity index for May suggests that the dollars and cents loan rates on basic commodities of this year's production will be higher than had been anticipated several months ago--and possibly, higher than the 1949 rates. Rates for wheat must be based upon 90 percent of June parity; cotton, rice, and peanuts 90 percent of July; and corn 90 percent of September. Business analysts now see little prospect that parity indices will decline during this period.

Preliminary calculations preparatory to announcement of 1951-crop wheat acreage allotments not later than July 15 (as required by law) are in process. Formula for determination of allotment level is normal domestic consumption plus normal exports plus 30 percent of normal domestic consumption and exports, loss indicated carryover as of July 1, 1951. Remainder will indicate the production needed in 1951. Acreage allotment will be arrived at by dividing the production needed by the national average yield per acre during the ten calendar years 1940-49, adjusted for abnormal weather conditions and for trends in yield. Allotment for the 1950 crop was approximately 73.5 million acres (including the additional acreage allotted under Public Law 272).

Export sales week of May 17-23 under International Wheat Agreement amounted to 4,515,000 bushels. Principal buyers were Germany, Peru, Israel, Norway, and Costa Rica.

1949-crop corn under loan on April 30 was 333,541,278 bushels, some 13 million less than figure a year earlier. May 31 was closing date for new loans. Final figures not yet available. (Release May 26)

FRUIT AND VEGETABLE BRANCH

The Florida citrus season, for all practical purposes, will be over June 15.

Purchase of 1949 crop Irish potatoes through May 29 totaled 43,430,128 hundredweight. Of this amount 3,106,142 hundredweight went to direct distribution; 676,953 to flour; 6,166,426 to starch; 104,766 to glucose; 49,401 to dehydration; 459,649 to alcohol; 24,039,928 to livestock feed; 4,408,867 to export; and 4,417,996 hundredweight were dumped.

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FRUIT AND VEGETABLE BRANCH (Continued)

Purchase of 1950 crop potatoes through May 29 totaled 181,632 hundredweight. Of this amount 129,162 hundredweight went to livestock feed; 5,868 to penal institutions; and 46,602 hundredweight to Section 416.

Export subsidy programs on May 27 stood at:

Apples, 2,198,370 bushels; \$2,599,347  
Fresh oranges, 1,001,978 boxes; \$1,636,181  
Canned single strength orange juice, 50,437 cases No.2's; \$51,480  
Concentrated orange juice, 39,129 gallons; \$56,644

Inspection office opened at Ft. Knox, Kentucky, to inspect fruits and vegetables purchased for Army post there. Roy Koller, transferred from Chicago office, in charge.

Clay Ritter, Chicago market news office, to Phoenix, Arizona, to report on cantaloup shipments.

FOOD DISTRIBUTION PROGRAMS BRANCH

School Lunch

Beginning July 1, a new food supply information service will be provided to schools participating in the National School Lunch Program. At present, the Branch sends State school lunch agencies a list of not more than 6 foods expected to be in plentiful supply in retail stores during the following month. State agencies send the list to schools so that school lunch managers can take advantage of current best buys in local markets. Because lunchroom managers have found this limited list so useful, the Branch has decided to expand the service. The regular monthly PMA List of Plentiful Foods will be sent also to State school lunch agencies for transmittal to participating schools. Each month, up to six foods will be selected for future treatment as "School Lunch Specials." Menus, featuring plentiful and donated foods, also are provided to schools in order to encourage maximum use of foods.

PLENTIFUL FOODS

Efforts to boost turkey consumption "out of season" have shown surprisingly good results this spring, under the Plentiful Foods Program of the FDPB. For example: In the Chicago marketing area and in the states of Washington, Oregon, and Utah, food retailers have sold from 5 to 6 times more turkeys than during the same period last year. In Oregon, for a 3-week period in late April and early May, sales of turkeys increased more than two million pounds over the same period in 1949. Said the Illinois Chain Store Council in a letter to FDPB, reporting increases in sales among cooperating stores, "These are indeed significant increases...the net result of some special merchandising efforts at the retail level."

Dairy products are receiving special promotion from Food Trade groups in Midwest. KSD-TV St. Louis, to present program featuring dairy foods June 6.

A milk drinking contest among three star performers of the show was a feature of WIS National Barn Dance Saturday night, June 3.

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FOOD DISTRIBUTION PROGRAMS BRANCH (continued)

Direct Distribution

The FDPB has just released its "Handbook of Commodity Distribution," which contains instructions pertaining to the administration of direct distribution programs by State distributing agencies. The Handbook presents in one publication instructions and regulations pertaining to the responsibilities and duties of Distributing Agencies engaged in distribution of commodities donated by the United States Department of Agriculture under authority of Section 6 of the National School Lunch Act, Section 32, and Section 416 of the Agricultural Act of 1949. The handbook, however, is not available for general distribution.

FATS AND OILS BRANCH

Sales of CCC Owned Flaxseed for Repurchase of Resultant Oil:

In April 1949 CCC began a program of converting flaxseed to linseed oil through selling the seed and repurchasing resultant oil. As of May 29, 1950, sales of flaxseed under this program amounted to over 12.6 million bushels, distributed among contracting offices as follows:

<u>Office</u>	<u>Sales in Bushels</u>
Washington	7,553,113
New York	2,723,000
Minneapolis	2,012,000
Chicago	375,000
Total	<u>12,663,113</u>

LIVESTOCK BRANCH

Meat Grading Supervisors met in Chicago Saturday through Monday June 3-5, in connection with the establishment of specifications for the proposed new "Good" grade beef.

Branch officials from Washington who attended the meeting were Preston Richards, Assistant Director, John Pierce, in Charge of Standardization, C. Murphy, Standardization, and L. Tobin, in charge, Meat Grading Service.

Similar meetings during the corresponding three days will be held each following week at Kansas City, Philadelphia, and Los Angeles.

A public hearing on the proposed change in Federal beef grades will be held at 10:00 a.m., CDT, June 28, in Room 582, U.S. Court House, Clark and Dearborn streets, Chicago, Illinois.

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LIVESTOCK BRANCH (Continued)

A group of eight Canadian visitors who spent Monday and Tuesday of last week in Chicago left with some very fine impressions of PMA activities at the stockyards.

L. M. Wyatt, in charge of the Chicago Livestock Market News Office, was host to the Canadian group headed by R. K. Bennett, Chief of the Agricultural Marketing Services of the Canadian Government. The group studied the Market News Service, Meat Grading Service and got better acquainted with the Packers and Stockyards Division's regulatory work. Included was a tour through the stockyards and packing plants.

The delegation indicated there was nothing of a similar nature or scope to compare with these PMA services, especially market news and meat grading.

The Chicago office of the Packers and Stockyards Division, headed by A. L. Lowery, recently completed one of its periodic tests of livestock scales at the Chicago stockyards. The work was done under the supervision of Assistant District Supervisor Ben F. Platt.

These tests are made at posted stockyards by the P & S Division to assure the accuracy of all scales used in the weighing of livestock. Several days were required for the job, which is a big one at the local stockyards. Thirty scales had to be tested...up to 25,000 pounds...to insure the correctness of the poise and all notches on the weigh beam.

Prices paid to midwestern wool growers are being collected each week for the balance of the growing season by Ambrose Rose, Area Wool Appraiser at the stockyards. The information is gathered by telephone calls to selected wool dealers in several midwest states and transmitted to Washington and to PMA's Wool Market News Service at Boston.

POULTRY BRANCH

Purchases of 5,323,280 pounds of dried eggs during the week ended June 2 set a new high record for 1950. Purchases consisted of powder packed in barrels and drums at 96 cents per pound. Deliveries are to be made during June. Cancellations totaled 121,208 pounds. The cumulative total of purchases under Announcement PY-57, as amended, stands at 56,516,701 pounds.

Fifty-five (55) egg drying plants are now operating in 11 States under contracts with the Commodity Credit Corporation and are located as follows: Minnesota 12; Iowa 11; Kansas 8; Missouri 7; Nebraska 4; Texas 4; Oklahoma 3; Indiana 3; Illinois 1, and South Dakota and Wisconsin one each.



#### TRANSPORTATION AND WAREHOUSING BRANCH

The new Uniform Grain Storage Agreement was approved by the President of CCC May 24. Provisions have been made for a quick printing of the new Agreement for distribution to interested parties, particularly to those commodity offices where the present Agreement expired May 31.

A handbook to guide elevator operators in complying with terms of the Uniform Grain Storage Agreement has been issued by the Minneapolis Commodity Office. A similar handbook is being prepared by the Chicago office.

#### OFFICE OF COMPLIANCE AND INVESTIGATION

Following the entry of a plea of guilty in the United States District Court for the Eastern District of Wisconsin to an information charging Nick Dombrowski, Amherst Junction, Wis., with unlawfully converting Government property to his own use, a fine of \$100 was imposed and Dombrowski was placed on probation for one year on condition that he pay his fine in the first six months of probation.

#### ADMINISTRATIVE SERVICES

Disposal of surplus property is currently the major objective of the Area Administrative Services Division. R. J. Bender, Area Chief, reports that he is asking all Administrative Service officers in the area to follow through on instructions recently issued by Administrator Trigg and Secretary Brannan, designed to insure efficient use of equipment and property, and providing for disposal of equipment which is not needed. Division staff members plan additional visits to assist field offices in their analyses and disposal of excess equipment.

PMA state offices in Missouri, Iowa, Illinois, and Indiana have recently installed the Subject-Numerical filing system, and reports indicate favorable acceptance. The Area office expects requests from other state offices to install the system.

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MIDWEST INFORMATION SUMMARY

To: PMA Offices, Midwest Area

From: John C. Baker, Chief, Information Branch, Midwest Area

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THIS WEEK'S SPOTLIGHT:

FDPB'S SCHOOL LUNCH PROGRAM

Visualize the job of filling the dinner plates for about 9 children at each of a million tables, and you'll have some idea of the school lunch program which the Midwest area office of the Food Distribution Programs Branch supervises.

Following through on the 1946 National School Lunch Act in more ample fashion than any year heretofore, Congress last year voted to give the U. S. Department of Agriculture \$83,500,000 to provide school lunches. Of that, nearly 15 million dollars was dispatched to the Midwest to join matching state funds and local contributions to pay for the lunches school children in 11 midwestern states ate this past school year.

That job meant an expansion of the Midwest area office's task. By the end of last year about 16-1/2 percent more schools than a year earlier were in the program. And with the coming of this year nearly 999 of those schools had programs which were being directly supervised by the Chicago office. At the same time the office was working directly with state school lunch supervisors to coordinate the lunch program in the area. In both the private and parochial schools under direct supervision, and the schools under state supervision, FDPB's job was to see that the lunches met prescribed standards, that costs were kept as low as possible so children could buy the lunches, and so the children who couldn't pay for them at any price got them anyway.

But that wasn't -- and isn't -- the end of FDPB's task under direction of Oscar F. Beyer, in administering school lunch programs in the Midwest. For one thing, the area office makes technical assistance available to the schools. FDPB's staff includes two nutritionists, and a food preservation specialist. They help train school lunch personnel, help with advice on equipment, on organization on storing food, canning and preserving it, how to buy at as little cost as possible.

Along with that, there's the matter of helping channel foods the U. S. Department of Agriculture provides to the schools. These foods fit in three categories. First, there are such purchases as fresh fruits, bought to support prices, and provided free to the schools. Then there are donations of CCC-held commodities purchased for price support which are furnished to schools who'll pay the freight. These include  
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dried eggs and milk. And finally, USDA makes some purchases with school lunch funds on a national basis to help provide well balanced meals. Foods purchased under this program include concentrated orange juice, protein items, and some canned fruits and vegetables. In the fiscal year 1949 schools in 11 Midwestern states got food from USDA amounting to a total value of about \$10,000,000 - and this year that distribution was even greater as FDPB served more schools -- and more children came to dinner.

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#### ON THE CALENDAR

Monday, June 12-15 - Chicago - American Seed Trade Association  
12-16 - Chicago - National Poultry Improvement Association  
12-16 - Chicago - National Turkey Federation  
12-14 - Ames, Iowa - School Lunch Workshop.

Tuesday, June 13 - Rockford, Illinois - Hearing on Amendment to  
Rockford-Freeport milk order.

Wednesday, June 14-16- Chicago - National Livestock and Meat Board  
14-15- Columbus, Ohio - Ohio meeting of county PMA  
committeemen.

Thursday, June 15 - Indianapolis - Indiana Lamb Show

Saturday, June 17-19 - Kansas City - Meeting of meat grading supervisors

Tuesday, June 20-  
July 1 - Ames, Iowa - Seed analysts short course.

Wednesday, June 21 - Minneapolis - Agricultural Editors Association

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#### DAIRY BRANCH

Appointment of Preston Richards as director of the Dairy Branch was announced last week. Philip E. Nelson, who has headed the Branch since October 1948 is transferring to the PMA Administrator's Office as special assistant to Administrator Trigg. Mr. Richards has been serving as assistant director of the PMA Livestock Branch.

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Arrangements were completed this week to sell approximately 50 million pounds of Government-owned nonfat dry milk solids to the Japanese Government for use chiefly in school lunch and child feeding programs. Unsold price-support stocks of nonfat dry milk solids, totaling approximately 300 million pounds, will be reduced to about 250 million pounds as a result of this transaction.

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DAIRY BRANCH (Cont'd)

Limited quantities of butter and cheese acquired by the Commodity Credit Corporation under mandatory price support programs were made available last week for donation to private welfare agencies for the assistance of needy persons outside the United States. These products already are available for distribution to various Federal agencies and for donation to School Lunch Programs, the Bureau of Indian Affairs, and to both public and private welfare agencies for the assistance of needy persons in this country.

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An increase through September of 10 cents per hundredweight in the minimum farm prices for Class I and Class II milk in the Columbus, Ohio, milk marketing area was recommended by USDA this week. The recommendation would continue the increase through January 1951 if local milk supplies May through August 1950 are lower in relation to market needs than for the same period in 1949.

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Edward Small is attending a meeting of area supervisors of dairy inspection work, in Washington, Monday through Wednesday; latter part of the week will be spent in New York, in visits with dairy trade.

Karl Linde will inspect dried milk and cheese in Saginaw and Detroit, Michigan, this week.

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Price-Support Purchases and Sales, Week Ended June 2:  
(Figures in Pounds)

<u>Product</u>	<u>Purchases</u> <u>Week End. June 2</u>	<u>Total 1950</u> <u>Purchases</u>	<u>1949-50 Purchases</u> <u>Unsold as of June 2</u>
Butter A	5,023,271	47,488,177	(
Butter B	1,886,278	8,853,843	( 137,200,000
Butter C	none	none	(
	<u>6,909,549</u>	<u>56,342,020</u>	
Cheese	4,806,448	28,302,950	43,900,000
Spray milk solids	7,203,540	135,144,083	(
Roller milk			( 294,300,000
solids	2,602,817	62,410,574	(
<u>Product</u>	<u>Sales to Trade</u> <u>Week End. June 2</u>	<u>1950 Sales to</u> <u>Domestic Trade</u>	
Butter A	none	173,465	
Butter B	none	5,669,200	
Butter C	none	632,063	
		<u>6,474,728</u>	
Cheese A	none	6,047,855	
Cheese B	none	948,163	
Cheese C	none	334,525	
		<u>7,330,543</u>	



## POULTRY BRANCH

Purchases of dried eggs dropped sharply this week, totaling only 3,141,700 pounds as contrasted with the high record 5,323,280 pounds bought the preceding week. This week's purchases were the smallest since the second week in April. Cancellations also were larger, 302,322 pounds as compared with 121,208 pounds the preceding week. Net purchases this year to date total 59,356,079 pounds. Another feature was the maintenance of broiler prices during the past week despite record marketings 5 percent larger from the Delmarva area than during any preceding week on record.

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Charles D. Hawks has announced that July 1, he will become associated with the Poultry and Egg National Board. The office of the Midwest area representative of the Poultry Branch is being closed as of the same date.

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Lawrence Dolson in Washington week of June 12-16, attending meeting of poultry inspection supervisors.

## FRUIT AND VEGETABLE BRANCH

A proposed revision of U. S. standards for grades of frozen Brussel sprouts is in clearance channels as a notice of proposed rule making.

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Purchase of 1949 crop potatoes through June 6 totaled 44,387,772 hundredweight. Of this amount 3,166,271 hundredweight went to direct distribution; 677,983 to flour; 6,351,045 to starch; 104,766 to glucose; 51,361 to dehydration; 459,649 to alcohol; 25,247,098 to livestock feed; 4,411,567 to export; and 4,418,032 hundredweight were dumped.

Purchase of 1950 crop potatoes through June 6 totaled 184,577 hundredweight. Of this amount 132,220 hundredweight went to livestock feed; 5,868 to penal institutions; and 46,489 hundredweight to Section 416.

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Export subsidy programs through June 3 stood at: Apples, 2,200,639 bushels, \$2,602,184; Fresh oranges, 1,033,486 boxes, \$1,688,169; Canned single strength orange juice, 55,529 cases of No. 2's, \$56,796; Concentrated orange juice, 40,499 gallons, \$58,571.

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## Processed Foods Inspection

Processing of black raspberries and strawberries is starting in Michigan, and the first of this week four inspectors had been assigned to handle inspection work in about half a dozen plants in that state. As the harvest increases and more plants ask for inspection, the number of inspectors may increase to from 10 to 15.

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FRUIT AND VEGETABLE BRANCH (Cont'd)

Regulatory Division

W. M. Miller, investigator attached to the Chicago office, this week begins a two-week field trip to Detroit, Toledo, Cleveland, Cincinnati, and Indianapolis in connection with PACA regulation enforcement.

Fresh Products Inspection

E. L. Biddick, assistant director, spent Monday at Purdue University conferring with a representative of Indiana canners and the University discussing an inspection service for cannery tomatoes in Indiana.

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Strawberry inspection work directed by the Chicago office is drawing to a close with some inspectors still at work in the Quincy, Illinois area. About 75 inspectors have been assigned to tomato inspection at Jacksonville, Texas, for the west Texas growing area.

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Neal Sanborn, director, reports dates have been set for a cannery tomatoes supervisors conference at Belleville, Illinois. The conference will be July 20-21, for supervisors in Wisconsin, Minnesota, Indiana, Ohio, Illinois, who later will hold training schools in their own states. The last half day of the sessions will be devoted to a conference of canners' fieldmen and representatives of tomato growers groups.

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Market news mimeographed booklet entitled "Exchange Trading on Vegetables in Chicago, Illinois," has been prepared by J. C. Hunter, Chicago representative, Fruit and Vegetable Market News Service.

Originally prepared as a talk before the recent national conference of fruit and vegetable market news reporters in Chicago, the booklet gives a simplified explanation of the facilities and mechanics of operations of the Chicago Mercantile Exchange. Copies are available at: Fruit and Vegetable Market News Service, 1421 South Aberdeen Street, Chicago, Illinois.

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John H. Lienhard this week opens the Benton Harbor market news office reporting on the local strawberry market.

Myron R. Goodell, of the Wisconsin State Department of Agriculture, is a temporary trainee in the Chicago Market News office, preparatory to launching a fruit and vegetable market news service in Wisconsin, with headquarters in Madison. Anticipated opening date, June 19. News service will be cooperative between Federal and State governments paralleling dairy market news service already in operation.

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Potato marketing order for 12 counties in Central Nebraska has been recommended by USDA. This follows hearings held May 1 and 2. Exceptions may be filed until June 25. Next steps: Secretary will make formal decision, followed (if decision is favorable) by vote of growers. Two thirds of growers must favor order for it to be put into effect. (Release June 8)

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## FOOD DISTRIBUTION PROGRAMS BRANCH

Oscar F. Beyer will spend Wednesday in Madison, Wisconsin, at a meeting of the Wisconsin Welfare Department to discuss availability of commodities for distribution to welfare recipients in Wisconsin.

Valter Patterson is in Detroit, Michigan, and Cleveland, Ohio, this week through Thursday to work on the plentiful foods campaign underway on dairy products this month.

John Janus will return Wednesday from a week and a half stay in Des Moines, Iowa, where he's been conferring with state officials in charge of direct distribution of price support commodities.

Clair Underwood and Ina Morris are attending a school lunch workshop at Ohio State University, Columbus, through Tuesday. The latter half of the week they'll be at a similar meeting at Ohio University at Athens.

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Washington office has prepared a Handbook of Commodity Distribution, bringing up to date procedures which govern distribution of commodities by various agencies.

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Plentiful foods on the July list include: carrots, onions, Irish potatoes, corn (fresh), watermelons, dairy products, broilers and fryers, hens, eggs, peanut butter, fish (fresh and frozen), rice. Other foods to be featured: turkeys, canned and frozen corn. Foods in plentiful supply in Midwest: snapbeans, beets, lettuce, tomatoes, and cabbage.

## GRAIN BRANCH

Free supply of dry edible beans has become tight. Of several varieties there are practically no free stocks at all, and prices of all varieties except Red Kidneys are above support. CCC has about 11 million bags (less than 5 million of 1948 crop and about 6 million of 1949 crop), and expects to sell substantial quantities before new crop comes to market in September. May 1 commercial and Government stocks totaled about 13.5 million bags. Last year the crop totaled more than 20 million bags; this year, with acreage allotments, the goal is about 13 million. Annual disappearance is about 15 million.

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PMA buys 15,990,000 pounds of flour for export to Austria. Offerings were nearly 10 times amount of purchase. Total purchases of flour since last July 1, -- 325,757,800 pounds of flour, equivalent to 7,185,123 bushels of grain. (Release June 6).

CCC purchases of grain week of May 29-June 2, -- 87,000 bushels of rye. Total since July 1 - 69,065,412 bushels of all grains. (Release June 5.)

CCC sales of grain week of May 24-30 under International Wheat Agreement, 3,833,000 bushels. Principal buyers were Italy, Greece, Philippines, Netherlands, and Belgium. Total sales of U. S. wheat and flour since August 1, 1949 - 145,246,000 bushels. (Release June 1.)

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## GRAIN BRANCH (Cont'd)

Leland M. (Lee) Grant, of the Grain Inspection field office in Chicago, retires from government service in early July, after 33 years. He has been in charge of statistical records on all grain inspection work in the nation.

## LIVESTOCK BRANCH

### Insecticide Division

Dr. W. G. Reed, chief of the Insecticide Division, is expected in Chicago this week, to visit the Chicago laboratory, and to attend a meeting of chemical manufacturers.

### Packers and Stockyards Division

Ben Platt, assistant chief, and Melvin C. Smith, visiting yards in Peoria and Bushnell, Illinois, this week, auditing accounts of dealers and commission firms.

Platt, and A. L. Lowery, chief of division, will visit Milwaukee stockyards latter part of week, investigating minor complaints, checking records and practices of stockyard firms.

Inspecting and testing of all scales in Chicago stockyards was completed last week, with all scales approved.

## TRANSPORTATION AND WAREHOUSING BRANCH

Improved wheat prospects in the Southwest have made it necessary to shift from the Kansas City area about 12 million bushels of 1949 loan-acquired wheat and grain sorghums. Approximately 3 million bushels of wheat will be shipped from the northern part of the area to Buffalo for storage. At the same time a like amount of spring wheat now in Buffalo will go into storage in an additional 15 reserve fleet ships in the Hudson River. Storage facilities in the Dallas area are expected to take the balance of the "distressed" Kansas City area grain.

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A new program providing for about 70,000 long tons of number 2 or better yellow corn has been received. This corn will move off the Atlantic Seaboard to Western Germany. The shipments will relieve somewhat the present tight storage situation.

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Movement of the approximately 50 million pounds of dried milk programmed for shipment to Japan, will get under way within the next few days. The first shipments will move from the Pacific Coast. The program is expected to utilize all 1949 stocks in that area.

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OFFICE OF COMPLIANCE AND INVESTIGATION

A criminal information was filed in the United States District Court for the Western District of Wisconsin against Joshua Thayer, Whitewater, Wisconsin, charging violations of the Agricultural Marketing Agreement Act of 1937, as amended, and Marketing Order No. 60, regulating the handling of Irish potatoes grown in the States of Michigan, Wisconsin, Minnesota, and North Dakota.

FATS AND OILS BRANCH

Sales of CCC Owned Flaxseed for Repurchase of Resultant Oil:

In April 1949, CCC began a program of converting flaxseed to linseed oil through selling the seed and repurchasing the resultant oil. As of June 8, 1950, sales of flaxseed under this program amounted to over 13.4 million bushels, distributed among contracting offices, as follows:

<u>Office</u>	<u>Sales in Bushels</u>
New York	2,893,000
Minneapolis	2,662,000
Chicago	377,068
Washington	7,545,411
	<u>13,477,479</u>

OFFICE OF AUDIT

Bob Wright, in charge, reports the audits of PMA Commodity Offices in Minneapolis, Kansas City, and Chicago for the fiscal year 1950, are near conclusion - except for those to be performed after closing of the books on June 30.

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William Langton has been assigned to audit of records of Glidden company subsidiaries, in connection with soybean subsidy program. After early refusal, company recently made records available for PMA audit.

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Representatives of General Accounting Office recently inspected PMA audit of records of wool handlers in Springfield, Mo., and Louisville, Ky., and gave their approval to PMA procedures.

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School lunch auditors are making special effort to complete all audits before closing of schools for summer vacation.

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Robert Bailey, Washington Office of Audit, is making an administrative inspection of the Chicago office this week.

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R. F. Pauley, substituted for Robert Wright (illness) at the annual meeting of Assistant Chief Auditors, in Washington last week. Meeting dealt with audit policies, future programs, and solution of problems.

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MIDWEST INFORMATION SUMMARY

To: PMA Offices, Midwest Area

From: John C. Baker, Chief, Information Branch, Midwest Area

THIS WEEK'S SPOTLIGHT:

FRESH PRODUCTS DIVISION, FRUIT & VEGETABLE BRANCH

For 33 years the U. S. Department of Agriculture has shared with the fruit and vegetable industry the responsibility of seeing that homemakers and others have uniformly good lots of fresh fruits and vegetables to choose from at the market. Within the Department, that responsibility rests with the Fresh Products Division, of the Fruit and Vegetable Branch.

Last year, in the effort to improve the quality of fruits and vegetables sold at retail, more than three-fourths of the fresh produce loaded aboard railroad cars for dispatch to terminal markets of the country was inspected and graded before it was sent on its way. At terminal markets, other inspectors checked some of the produce as it arrived, and still other inspectors were ready for the inspection and grading to be done as cars of fresh fruits and vegetables arrived at processing plants. In all, last year these inspectors checked and graded about a million carloads.

Responsibility for a sizeable portion of that inspection and grading job rests in Chicago where Neal Sanborn heads up an area office which directs the inspection in 21 states of the Mississippi Valley region. Under his supervision are market inspection services at 38 terminal markets and an average-sized corp of 60 inspectors. Most recent addition to the terminal market inspection is a service at Fort Knox, Kentucky, which inspects the fresh produce bought for the Army there.

Like the processed foods inspection service of the Fruit and Vegetable Branch, that on fresh produce is a voluntary service. It's mandatory only on government purchases, and where marketing agreements are in effect. In Texas at certain seasons that state requires inspection on citrus, cabbage, and tomatoes, and Mississippi does likewise on the last two items.

The people who ask for the service pay a nominal charge for it, and it's just about self-supporting. Use of the service is growing. Sanborn credits part of the growth to the desire of large buyers to buy where there's shipping point inspection, and where they have assurance the produce they buy will be what was ordered when it arrives.

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Inspection certificates issued by the Fresh Fruit and Vegetable Inspection Service serve another purpose in helping to settle any disputes between sellers and buyers of produce. Many of these disputes arise over the question of what is normal deterioration to be expected as the produce moves across country -- and what was of inferior quality in the first place. Defects that are not subject to change in transit are considered quality defects, whereas those that may change in transit are called condition factors. Where these disputes arise, the Division will make an inspection on request of either party and furnish the report to the regulatory division of the Branch which administers the Perishable Agricultural Commodities Act.

Inspectors of the fresh fruits and vegetables work with standards and grades on 70 different items. Part of their job is to check for appearance of disease. The Chicago office, through an arrangement with a pathologist at the University of Chicago, provides a diagnostic service when something different in diseases shows up.

Some of the producers who sell fresh fruits and vegetables make arrangements for continuous inspection on their production so they'll have assurance before loading is completed that the shipment will meet grade requirements.

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#### ON THE CALENDAR

- Tuesday, June 20-23 - So. St. Paul - Demonstrations of proposed new hog grades.
- Wednesday, June 21-23 - Lafayette, Ind. - Indiana 4-H Club Roundup
- Monday, June 26-July 1 - Lafayette, Ind. (Purdue) - Conference on Lunchroom Management.
- Tuesday, June 27-30 - E. Lansing, Michigan (MSC) - Michigan 4-H Club Week
- Wednesday, June 28-July 1 - Kansas City - Future Homemakers of America, National Convention
- Friday, June 30 - East Lansing, Michigan (MSC) - Tri-State Meeting of Farm Managers.
- Friday, June 30 - End of 1950 Fiscal Year



## ADMINISTRATIVE

Twelve PMA staff members were among the 23 USDA employees honored last week for twenty and thirty years of service. The long time staff members were guests of honor at the monthly luncheon of the Chicago USDA Club.

PMA members with 30 years of service were: Mrs. Maxine B. Eason, Francis J. Coghlan, George F. Turner of the Grain Branch, Regulatory and Inspection Division; Norman L. Knight and Rosewell Jenkins, of the Livestock Branch, Insecticide Division. Those with 20 years of service were Clinton T. Borden, Elmo Shaw, English H. Floyd, all of the Grain Branch, Regulatory and Inspection Division; John Vavrina, Livestock Market News; Mrs. Anna P. Miller, Dairy and Poultry Market News; Edwin K. Ball, Dairy and Poultry Branch; and Luther M. Bates, Administrative Services, Wire Room.

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T. H. Anderson, Area management officer, spent most of last week in Washington, conferring on state office budgets with PMA budget and management officials. Actual determination of 1951 budgets awaits final action by Congress on appropriations for fiscal year 1951.

## OFFICE OF AUDIT

As part of the in-service training program, all auditors in the Chicago area office took an examination last week, consisting of 100 questions covering contents of the Audit Manual.

J. W. Somers, treasurer of CCC, is expected in Chicago this week, for consultations on audits of contracts with soybean processors and vegetable canners.

O. W. Salisbury, traffic auditor of Washington staff, expects to complete a traffic audit of the Chicago Commodity office this week.

Mel Langton, of Washington office of audit, is temporarily assigned to Kansas City.

## COMMODITY OFFICE

Representatives of state offices in Illinois, Indiana, Iowa, Ohio, and Michigan will meet in Chicago, June 20 and 21 to put finishing touches on a new handbook for warehousemen, outlining procedures under the new Uniform Grain Storage Agreement.

Twelve state offices, grain, fiscal, transportation and warehousing branches will be represented at a meeting in Chicago, June 22 and 23, to discuss impending take-over of corn now under loan.



# OFFICE OF COMPLIANCE AND INVESTIGATION

Compliance and Investigation office heads from the five areas held their first nation-wide conference since the war in Washington last week, discussing current and probable future work loads. John Clagett was representative from the Chicago Office.

C&I staff members are investigating grain bin problems in Illinois, to determine whether proper materials were used in erection of bins, wages paid to workers, and claims for damage caused by strong winds.

## DAIRY BRANCH

Butter production during the first week in June was once again running ahead of the 1949 rate of production. Butter output, which was 106 percent above 1949 during the first three months of 1950, dropped to 93 percent in mid-May, chiefly because of unfavorable pasture conditions. By June 1, however, production was on the upgrade and by June 8, it stood at 103 percent of the production for the comparable week of 1949. Milk production is reported to be picking up as the result of improved pasture conditions.

A meeting of the regional supervisors of the Dairy and Poultry Inspection and Grading Division was held in Washington, June 12, 13, and 14. The discussion was directed chiefly toward moving the barriers to uniform operation of the Federal and Federal-State grading and inspection services on a nation-wide basis.

### Price-Support Purchases and Sales, Week Ended June 9:

(Figures in Pounds)

<u>Product</u>	<u>Purchases Week End. June 9</u>	<u>Total 1950 Purchases</u>	<u>1949-50 Purchases Unsold as of June 9</u>
Butter A	6,228,425	53,720,019	(
Butter B	3,514,657	12,348,499	( 146,500,000
Butter C	none	none	(
	<u>9,743,082</u>	<u>66,068,518</u>	
Cheese	7,988,255	36,352,999	51,900,000
Spray milk solids	3,623,017	146,015,377	(
Roller milk solids	10,851,094	66,039,841	( 258,000,000
	<u>14,474,111</u>	<u>212,055,218</u>	

<u>Product</u>	<u>Sales to Trade Wk. End. June 9</u>	<u>1950 Sales to Domestic Trade</u>
Butter A	none	173,465
Butter B	none	5,669,199
Butter C	none	632,064
		<u>6,474,728</u>

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DAIRY BRANCH (Cont'd)

<u>Product</u>	<u>Sales to Trade</u> <u>Wk. End. June 9</u>	<u>1950 Sales to Domestic Trade</u>
Cheese A	none	6,047,856
Cheese B	none	948,163
Cheese C	none	334,525
		<u>7,330,543</u>

FATS AND OILS BRANCH

PMA has entered into a research agreement with John W. McCutcheon, industrial consultant of New York City, to study market outlets for fats and oils produced in the United States. Major emphasis will be on inedible fats and oils.

FOOD DISTRIBUTION PROGRAMS BRANCH

School Lunch

The report of a study made by FDPB on the acceptability of natural cheese in school lunch programs was released this week.

American natural Cheddar cheese was made available in November 1949 to a selected number of schools in 11 States in order to measure the acceptability and utilization of this type of cheese for school lunch programs. Previously only processed cheese, packed in 5-pound loaves, had been purchased by the U. S. Department of Agriculture with Section 6 funds. The major findings of the study are as follows:

- (1) Natural cheese was well liked by children in most schools. In some cases, it was preferred above processed cheese.
- (2) Natural cheese was more difficult to use with other ingredients in preparing cooked and uncooked cheese dishes. It required more care in preparation and was more difficult to handle and slice.
- (3) The natural cheese kept well. Schools which were able to keep the cheese in refrigerated storage had the best results.
- (4) During the survey period, natural cheese was used as a main protein component of school meals approximately once a week. In addition, it appeared on menus as a supplement component of school meals on an average of four times a month.
- (5) An average of 5.6 ounces of natural cheese per child per month was reported to have been used in the schools surveyed.

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FOOD DISTRIBUTION PROGRAMS BRANCH (Cont'd)

As of June 15, State distributing agencies had placed orders under Section 416 of the Agricultural Act of 1949 for 6,820,936 lbs. of butter; 3,332,103 lbs. of cheese; 1,996,128 lbs. of dried eggs; 4,658,215 lbs. of nonfat dry milk solids; and 64,309,300 lbs. of Irish potatoes. In addition, these same agencies have placed orders for 66,663,000 lbs. of Irish potatoes to be shipped under the provisions of Section 3, Public Law 471. Distribution was made to all eligible outlets including school lunch programs, charitable institutions, needy Indians, and welfare families.

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Midwest Area

Hal Bolin will take part in presentation of a food preservation course at the University of Minnesota, Thursday, for the fourth consecutive year. Earlier in the week he will be at Rochester and will assist the Department of Vocational Education in plans for rebuilding canning centers. He also will participate in state workshops for state institutions on canning and freezing problems in Minnesota next week.

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Oscar Beyer, area supervisor, and Ina Morris, nutritionist, will be at Purdue University, Lafayette, Indiana, June 26-July 1 to participate in a school lunch workshop.

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Ina Morris, nutritionist, is at the University of Illinois, Urbana, through Wednesday of this week to attend a conference on nutrition.

FRUIT AND VEGETABLE BRANCH

Georgia peach shipments are light and prices high.

Purchase of 1949 crop potatoes through June 13 totaled 45,567,440 hundredweight. Of this amount 3,182,109 hundredweight went to direct distribution; 680,648 to flour; 6,565,663 to starch; 104,766 to glucose; 51,921 to dehydration; 459,649 to alcohol; 25,563,371 to livestock feed; 4,427,947 to export; and 4,531,366 hundredweight were dumped.

Purchase of 1950 crop potatoes through June 13 totaled 285,946 hundredweight. Of this amount 214,551 hundredweight went to livestock feed; 6,518 to penal institutions; 48,044 to Section 416; and 16,833 hundredweight were dumped. The dumping was confined to North Carolina and Virginia.

Sales of potatoes for export have been discontinued since the late crop in Maine is practically cleaned up and the carrying quality of the remainder is becoming increasingly questionable.

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## FRUIT AND VEGETABLE BRANCH (Cont'd)

Export subsidy programs on June 10 stood at:

Fresh oranges, 1,078,618 boxes, \$1,762,637  
Canned single strength orange juice, 58,495 cases No. 2's,  
\$59,910  
Concentrated orange juice, 42,299 gallons, \$61,181

### Fresh Products Inspection

J. E. Prather, supervisor of inspection work in Illinois met last Friday and Monday with representatives of the State Department of Agriculture, brokers, handlers and growers to discuss the inspection procedure and grade interpretation which may be involved in handling a portion of the coming Illinois peach crop which may show considerable hail damage. This may also involve early apple shipments and a portion of the late crop apples damaged by hail.

## GRAIN BRANCH

Eleven months' exports of all grains, July-May, totaled equivalent of 449,202,000 bushels of grain, compared with 633,911,000 bushels a year earlier. Most of the decline was in wheat. Wheat exports totaled 281,232,000 bushels, 184,533,000 less than a year earlier. (Release June 12.)

Purchase of 11 million pounds of hard wheat flour, equivalent to 238,700 bushels of wheat, for shipment to Greece, announced by PMA. (Release June 13)

CCC purchases of grain week of June 6-9 included 372,567 bushels of wheat (as flour) and 39,012 bushels of rye. Total grain purchases since July 1, 1949, 69,476,991 bushels.

CCC grain purchases June 12-16, 238,700 bushels of wheat (as flour). Total since July, 1949 - 7,423,823.

## LIVESTOCK BRANCH

The Insecticide Laboratory, Chicago, headed by Rosewell Jenkins is scheduled for abolishment the end of June. Mr. Jenkins, along with Chemist Norman L. Knight will be transferred to the Beltsville, Md. Laboratory. The inspection work of the Insecticide Division in Chicago will continue under William Tiedt.

Also to be abolished is the Area Wool Appraiser's office in Chicago, headed by Ambrose Rose. However, Mr. Rose will be retained as part of a skeletonized national force in connection with the wool support program.

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LIVESTOCK BRANCH (Cont'd)

A national conference of Packers and Stockyards Supervisors will be held at the St. Clair Hotel, Chicago, on June 22-24. Washington officials in attendance will include M. J. Cook, Chief of the Packers and Stockyards Administration. Forty to 50 supervisors will be in attendance.

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Demonstrations of the proposed new grades for hogs at the stockyards in South St. Paul this week, Monday to Thursday, are being conducted by C. L. Strong, of Washington staff. Demonstrations include judging of live hogs and comparisons with carcasses. Previous demonstrations have been conducted at stockyards at St. Joseph, Mo., and Sioux City, Ia.

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USDA has asked for bids to sell 1,350,000 pounds of lard for the Army's use on Okinawa. Bids will be accepted until noon, June 22, in Washington. USDA purchases of lard since last December have amounted to almost 150 million pounds. (Release June 12).

POULTRY BRANCH

PMA joins hands with Poultry and Egg National Board in a special project to train retailers in effective display, merchandising and storage of poultry products, in an effort to stimulate sales by preserving quality and enhancing appearance. PMA has awarded contract to PENB, out of marketing research funds. Project will be headed by Charles D. Hawks, who resigns as Midwest area representative of Poultry Branch on June 30, to take over new work on nation-wide scale. (Release June 16)

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Price support purchases of dried whole eggs were of recent average volume this week, the total being 4,207,070 pounds net after cancellations of 199,470 pounds. The week's transactions brought the total buy for the year to date to 63,363,679 pounds.

Sales under the export program amounted to 19,950 pounds, making the cumulative total 2,626,986 pounds.

The final phase of the 1949 turkey price support program will be carried out next month by the Poultry Branch and CCC. Purchases will be made of frozen dressed turkeys processed during the 1949 marketing season (August 1-December 31) and which are now in storage.

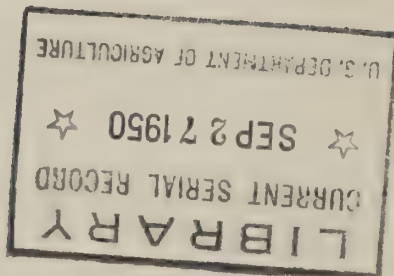
First offers will be received Wednesday, July 5, and subsequent offers on the same day each succeeding week in July.

TRANSPORTATION AND WAREHOUSING BRANCH

Occupancy of cooler space in public warehouses over the U. S. increased 2 points during May; freezer occupancy went down 3 points during the month to 64 per cent. Occupancy of coolers is expected to increase during June, and occupancy of freezers probably will turn upward.

(Release June 15)

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MIDWEST INFORMATION SUMMARY

TO: PMA Offices, Midwest Area

From: John C. Baker, Chief, Information Branch, PMA, U.S. Dept. of  
 Agriculture, Midwest Area

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THIS WEEK'S SPOTLIGHT

## Area Management Office

Area Management Officer, Trouble Shooter, and Evangelist for Management Improvement. One is an official title and the rest is a capsule description of Theodore H. "Ted" Anderson.

With his title, Area Management Officer, goes responsibility for the area Personnel Division and area Administrative Services Division. But with those two functions in capable hands, Ted devotes most of his energies to broader responsibilities.

When PMA Administrator Trigg designated Robert Herder as Assistant Administrator for Management a few months ago, the appointment made plain the importance which Mr. Trigg places on the function of management in the large, widespread, complex organization which is PMA. As representative of the Assistant Administrator for Management in the 11 Midwestern states, Ted is concerned with problems of budget and organization not only in the Chicago offices, but also in the state committee offices, in the other offices which carry on PMA functions throughout the Midwest. Since the major decisions are of concern to the Administrator and his immediate staff, Ted's function is largely advisory and fact finding; spotting trouble in the PMA machinery and coming up with suggestions to make it run smoothly.

Always uppermost in his mind and in his conferences with PMA staff members is Management Improvement. This label means just what it says, according to Ted. Always striving toward most effective use of manpower, materials, and money; eliminating waste and duplication of effort, developing simplified procedures and methods, doing away with unnecessary operations. Those are some of the specific ways in which Management Improvement can become a reality rather than just a name for an abstract idea. Management Improvement is Department-wide stemming from the Secretary to the PMA Administrator, to Mr. Herder to the area management officers for the impetus to make it effective. As part of the program of Management Improvement, the various agencies of PMA are establishing committees of staff members to consider the various activities and the problems which accompany them, and to look for ways of saving time, money, and manpower. The suggestion program, through which USDA employees are offered cash awards for ideas which promote efficiency, is another aspect of the program of Management Improvement.

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"Management Improvement" says Ted, "is everybody's job, from the stenographer up to the top boss. Its aim is to help administrators and supervisors by turning on new facets of ideas, tapping new sources of experience; in short, permitting every member of the PMA staff to contribute to better ways of doing the big job that PMA has to do."

# ON THE CALENDAR

Tuesday	- June 27-July 1	Chicago - National Dairy Council
	June 27	New standards for canned apple juice become effective
	June 27-30	Ames, Iowa - Marketing Seminar. D.S. Anderson, Dairy Branch consultant
	June 27-28	Chicago - Conference on flood control in Upper Mississippi Valley. PMA state committee participating.
	June 27-30	East Lansing, Michigan - State 4-H Club Week
Wednesday	- June 28	Chicago - Hearing on proposed beef grades Old Post Office Building, Room 582
Thursday	- June 29	Chicago - Junior Lamb Show & Sale, Stockyards
Friday	- June 30	East Lansing, Michigan - Tri State meeting of Farm Managers and Appraisers
Tuesday	- July 4	Independence Day - Government offices closed
Wednesday	July 5	- Ames, Iowa. Marketing seminar. H. I. Miller, Poultry Branch Visiting consultant
		- Traverse City, Michigan National Cherry Festival
	July 5-8	- Columbia, Missouri. Hatchery Short course
Thursday	July 6-7	- E. Lansing, Michigan - Michigan Seedmen's Conference

## ADMINISTRATIVE SERVICES

Administrative Services has been informed that the Federal Supply Service is closed for annual audit; no supplies can be requisitioned until July 5.

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Leases for government office space and miscellaneous service contracts for the coming fiscal year have been completed.

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Semi-annual inventory of PMA forms stored in Federal Supply Service warehouse is now in progress.

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Richard Bender, chief of area Administrative Services office, has completed a two-week swing of state PMA offices in eight states, Illinois, Missouri, Nebraska, Iowa, South Dakota, North Dakota, Minnesota, and Wisconsin. Utilization of property and management of records were principal matters discussed with state committee chairmen and administrative officers. Seth Brewer and Ernest Thompson of Washington Administrative Services staff accompanied Bender on approximately half of the visits.

## OFFICE OF AUDIT

Five auditors of the General Accounting Office, Washington, arrived this week to begin the annual audit of the Chicago Commodity office.

## COMMODITY OFFICE

State committee members and state office staff members of Ohio, Michigan, Indiana, Illinois, and Iowa met in Chicago, Tuesday and Wednesday with George Bradley and members of his Commodity staff. State people became familiar with provisions of revised Uniform Grain Storage Agreement on first day; second was devoted to revisions of a handbook for county committeemen and warehousemen storing grain. Handbook is designed to set forth procedures under Grain Storage Agreement. Expected to be available for distribution in two or three weeks.

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Marvin Smith is visiting several Illinois counties this week, investigating construction of grain storage bins, to determine whether construction was faulty.

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R. W. Hostrop to Washington, with representatives of state committees in Nebraska, Illinois, and Iowa, to meet with CCC officials in effort to improve inventory reporting system.

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Red kidney beans added to commodities available for export sale during month of June. Release June 15.

### COTTON BRANCH

Repayments were made on 148,200 bales of 1949 loan cotton during the week ended June 15. This compares with 149,200 bales in the preceding week and 120,300 bales two weeks ago. Total repossessions for the season through June 15 were 1,826,700 bales, leaving loans outstanding on 1,865,300 bales of 1949 cotton as of that date.

Cotton prices advanced during most of the week. Mill buying was active. Warm weather over the cotton belt helped check boll weevil activity.

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### OFFICE OF COMPLIANCE AND INVESTIGATION

Following the entry of a plea of guilty by Ben Dulak, Rosholt, Wisconsin, in the United States District Court for the Western District of Wisconsin to an information charging diversion of potatoes purchased from CCC as livestock feed, the court fined Dulak \$300, imposed a six-month suspended sentence, and placed him on probation for one year.

### DAIRY BRANCH

Milk market administrators met in Washington on Thursday of this week to be advised by Assistant Administrator for Marketing John I. Thompson of plans for modeling practices and procedures to be followed in milk marketing administrators' offices after the operating methods of typical Federal programs.

Federal order actions covering the milk marketing areas of Akron, Ohio, Philadelphia, Pa., and Rockford-Freeport, Ill., were announced this week. Issuance of a Federal order was recommended for Akron. Final approval was announced for setting the July-September Class I milk price for Philadelphia at \$5.24 per hundredweight, and a recommendation was announced for revising the Rockford-Freeport "butter-powder" price formula so as to keep prices in the market more closely in line with those in the nearby Chicago Market.

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DAIRY BRANCH (Cont'd)

Price-Support Purchases and Sales, Week Ended June 16:

(Figures in Pounds)			
Product	Purchases Week Ending June 16	Total 1950 Purchases	1949-50 Purchases Unsold as of June 16
Butter A	5,336,281	59,024,702	{ 155,100,000
Butter B	3,903,747	16,147,060	
Butter C	none	none	
	<u>9,240,028</u>	<u>75,171,762</u>	
Cheese	5,568,158	41,894,400	57,100,000
Spray Milk solids	10,461,947	156,466,323	{ 272,200,000
Roller milk solids	4,663,177	70,703,019	
	<u>15,125,124</u>	<u>227,169,342</u>	

Product	Sales to Trade Week End. June 16	1950 Sales to Domestic Trade
Butter A	none	173,465
Butter B	none	5,669,200
Butter C	none	632,063
		<u>6,474,728</u>
Cheese A	none	6,047,855
Cheese B	none	948,163
Cheese C	none	334,525
		<u>7,330,543</u>

Dairy and Poultry Inspection

Ed Small, Chief, to Nashville, Tennessee, cheese and butter storage  
Dolson, poultry inspection in Cincinnati and Springfield, Ill.  
Federal-state inspectors in Michigan, Ohio, Wisconsin, and Indiana checking  
CCC-owned powdered milk for condition.

Netzger, butter at Louisville, Ky.  
Linde, butter, cheese, powdered milk in Illinois, Indiana, Michigan.  
Tollofsen, cheese, powdered milk and sanitary inspection, Illinois.  
Moran, butter, cheese, powdered milk, Indiana.  
Hrabik, all products and sanitary inspection, Indiana and Kentucky.

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T. I. Hedrick, head of Chicago Dairy and Poultry Laboratory attended the  
American Dairy Science Meeting at Cornell University on June 20-22.



FATS AND OILS BRANCH

1949 Crop Peanut Price Support Program Purchases and Sales

As of June 10, 1950, CCC had made the following purchases and sales of peanuts under the 1949 crop price support program:

	<u>Purchases</u>	<u>Sales For Crushing</u>	<u>Sales for Edible Uses</u>	<u>Sales for Export</u>
Farmers' stock peanuts (tons)	37,251	19,539	16,917	-
No. 2 shelled peanuts (lbs.)	445,484,489	370,908,313	-	74,576,176

FOOD DISTRIBUTION PROGRAMS BRANCH

Plentiful foods for July: snapbeans, beets, lettuce, tomatoes, carrots, onions, potatoes, fresh corn, cabbage, watermelons, chicken, dairy products, eggs, peanut butter, fish, and rice.

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Twenty-five cars of cabbage, purchased in Ohio with Section 32 funds, have been allocated for distribution to institutions in Ohio, northern Indiana, and southern Michigan under the Direct Distribution program.

FRUIT AND VEGETABLE BRANCH

Purchase of 1949 crop potatoes through June 20 totaled 46,047,346 hundredweight. Of this amount, 3,193,269 hundredweight went to direct distribution; 680,648 to flour; 6,711,183 to starch; 104,766 to glucose; 51,921 to dehydration; 459,649 to alcohol; 25,778,687 to livestock feed; 4,627,526 hundredweight to other on-farm disposal; and 4,439,697 to export.

Purchase of 1950 crop potatoes through June 20 totaled 759,880 hundredweight. Of this amount 325,789 hundredweight went to livestock feed; 376,521 hundredweight to other on-farm disposal; 6,995 to penal institutions; and 53,575 to Section 416.

Citrus export subsidy program on June 17 stood at: Fresh oranges, 1,138,726 boxes, \$1,861,815; Canned single strength orange juice, 65,369 cases No. 2's, \$66,765; Concentrated orange juice, 46,892 gallons, \$67,842.

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Long Island potato growers reject marketing order, price supports. Release June 15.

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FRUIT AND VEGETABLE BRANCH (Cont'd)

Regulatory Division

Effective June 16, the fee which brokers wholesale dealers, retailers, truckers, and processors are required to pay for licenses under the Perishable Agricultural Commodities Act was raised from \$10 to \$15 a year. Legislation increasing the fee also provides for the license fees to be put into a special fund to administer the PACA Act, and also the Produce Agency Act and the Export Apple and Pear Act.

Processed foods

Inspection at blackberry processing plants in Tennessee and Arkansas will begin this week. Most of the plants are those of frozen food packers. Other inspectors this week are beginning work at strawberry freezing plants in Wisconsin. Asparagus processing inspection in Michigan and Illinois will wind up by July 4.

GRAIN BRANCH

Disappearance of wheat in the 1949-50 marketing year that ends this month has been estimated at 1,000 million bushels as compared with 1,200 million in 1948-49. The reduction of 200 million was in exports, estimated at 300 million bushels in 1949-50 as compared with 500 million in 1948-49.

Domestic consumption of 490 million for food in 1949-50 works out to the smallest per capita consumption in many years. Most common explanation is the large supply of other foods and the tendency of people to consume less of the starchy foods as their income increases. Twenty-five years ago the annual average consumption of wheat was nearly 250 pounds per person, whereas now it is less than 200 pounds.

During the marketing year now drawing to a close, about 130 million bushels were fed to livestock, which is the smallest amount since the end of the war, but substantially more than the quantity annually fed a quarter century ago.

The quantity used for seed was only about 80 million bushels in 1949-50 -- also the smallest in many years.

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GRAIN BRANCH (Cont'd)

Secretary Brannan announced June 26, that no marketing quotas for wheat will be proclaimed for 1951 wheat crop. Supply is less than the 20 percent above normal required for marketing quotas, and price has not been as low as 66 per cent of parity for three months in succession, other condition which would make quotas necessary. Normal supply is 1,179 million bushels; actual estimated supply is 1,395 million, about 18 per cent above normal. Acreage allotments will be announced for 1951 crop.

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USDA buys 4,744,000 pounds of hard wheat flour for export to Trieste. Release June 20.

U.S. Corn bartered for strategic material. One hundred sixty thousand bushels of corn involved. Nature of strategic material and other country involved in trade not revealed. Release June 16.

Wheat agreement sales, June 7-13 - 758,000 bushels. Principal purchaser - Netherlands. Release June 15.

Week of June 19-23, CCC bought 102,945 bushels of wheat, as flour. Cumulative total for 51 weeks, 7,526,768 bushels of wheat.

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Hazen P. English, Chief of Field Headquarters of Inspection Service was in Wichita, Kansas, the forepart of this week relieving the district office at that point. The Wichita head, George F. Binderim, died of head injuries received in an automobile accident.

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INFORMATION BRANCH

Chicago Information Office sent a reminder memo to office and division heads in Chicago, that information intended for the public, or staff information which might be relayed to non-PMA employees, should be cleared with area Information office. This was a reminder based on a PMA regulation of long standing.

LIVESTOCK BRANCH

Meat production under federal inspection week ending June 17 down 3 per cent from previous week, 2 per cent below year ago. Release June 20.

USDA buys 1,320,000 pounds of lard for Army. Shipment to Okinawa. Release June 21.



## PERSONNEL

In addition to the 12 PMA employees in Chicago who received awards for 30 and 20 years of service, the area Personnel office announces the names of 15 other Midwest staff members outside Chicago who have completed equal periods:

### 30 YEARS

Gregory, Marvin C.	Fruit & Veg. - Fr. Prod.	Fort Worth, Texas
Herrington, George W.	Grain - Inspection	Omaha, Nebraska
Holtzscheler, George L.	Grain - Inspection	Omaha, Nebraska
Hughes, T. M.	Grain - Reg. & Insp.	Indianapolis, Ind.
Marks, James A.	Fruit & Veg. - Fr. Prod.	Memphis, Tenn.
McCormick, Hazel P.	Grain - Inspection	Minneapolis, Minn.
Thomas, John A.	Grain - Inspection	Duluth, Minn.

### 20 YEARS

Beattie, Elizabeth F.	Fruit & Veg. - Fr. Prod.	Detroit, Mich.
Clyde, Grover	Fruit & Veg. - Fr. Prod.	Milwaukee, Wis.
Cottingham, Robt. L.	Livestock - P. & S	So. St. Paul, Minn.
Greer, Harvey H.	Livestock - Mkt. News	Kansas City, Mo.
Hagberg, Geo. W.	Dairy - I. & G.	Duluth, Minn.
Tolson, Reginald B.	Transp. & Whsg.	Omaha, Nebr.
Utter, Bror A.	Dairy - Poul Insp.	Worthington, Minn.
Wesson, Jos. A.	Grain - Inspection	Toledo, Ohio

In addition to the 12 persons with 30 years of service, and the 15 with 20 years, 76 employees received 10 year certificates. The Personnel office statistical historian calculated that in order for one person to complete this much service, he would have had to be on the payroll of the Byzantine Department of Agriculture, during the reign of Justinian, about 530 A.D.

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John Hays, acting chief, to Washington for conference on personnel matters.



POULTRY BRANCH

Dried egg purchases for price support tapered off slightly this week with a total buy of 3,561,500 pounds -- almost 700,000 pounds under the purchase of a week earlier. Cancellations were much heavier than in recent weeks at 499,430 pounds, this change apparently reflecting a slightly firmer tone in prices of eggs at wholesale.

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The week's transactions in dried egg purchases brought the total buy for the year so far to 66,425,749 pounds.

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Sales of dried eggs for export this week amounted to 19,950 pounds, making total sales 2,646,936 pounds.

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Donations of dried eggs this week included 182,616 pounds for Luthern World Relief and 24,024 pounds for the American Jewish Joint Distribution Committee. Transfers to the FDPB amounted to 174,866 pounds.

Under Section 416 of the Agricultural Act of 1949 export donations of dried eggs now total 4,273,725 pounds and domestic donations amount to 3,024,475 pounds.

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Manufacturers of egg cases, fillers, and flats who met with Poultry Branch representatives in Chicago recently, have agreed to produce new-type egg cases and packing materials in time for the 1951 egg packing season. The changes in egg cases, fillers, and flats have been recommended by a subcommittee of the Poultry Industry Advisory Committee. The subcommittee has worked in cooperation with the Branch and industry in preparing the specifications which were issued in final form early this year.

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Robert L. Lacy, agricultural economist with the Poultry Branch, is currently in charge of a project dealing with live poultry marketing at Chicago. The study is cooperative with the University of Illinois, but Lacy and his staff are working now in the Chicago PMA office.

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